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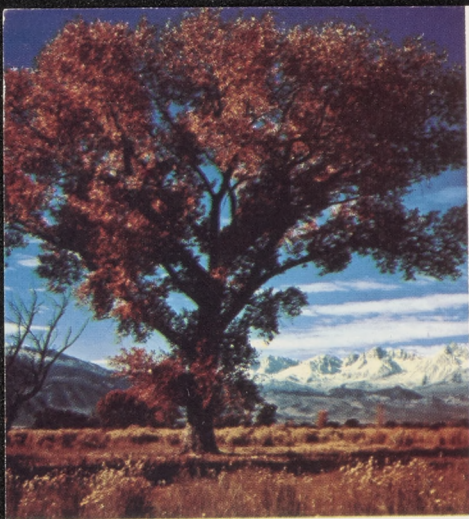
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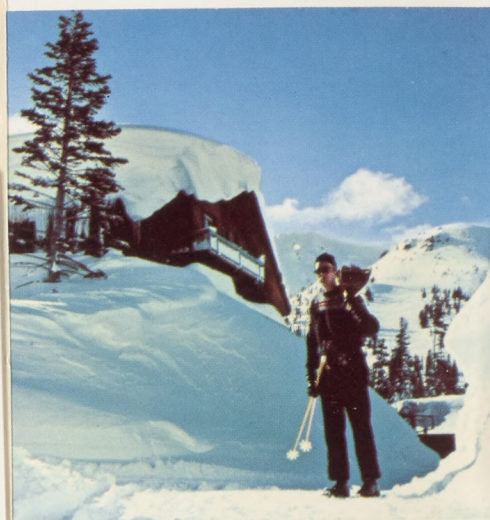


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If you like trout fishing, you'll find hundreds of lakes and streams in the High Sierras. Deer hunting is especially good, too, in the fall. Duck and goose hunting are excellent, as are pheasant, quail and chukar. Skiers find excellent slopes in the Onion Valley area just west of Independence. And, for a welcome winter vacation, thousands of people annually visit the world-famous

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You'll also find many historic places of interest and much of the early history of such well-known places as Cerro Gordo, Darwin, Panamint, etc., are captured in the displays at the Eastern California Museum located at the Inyo County courthouse (*pictured above*) at Independence. We invite you to stop in to see it.

At Independence and Laws (*near Bishop*) you'll see the old narrow-gauge

steam engines, and at Laws the old depot and railroad cars of the famous "Slim Princess," line. Charcoal kilns, movie sets, petroglyphs, Indian burial grounds, the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest (*oldest living trees in the world*) offer the artist and photographer unique subjects.

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CAMPGROUNDS

Maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, Inyo-Mono campgrounds provide a setting for inexpensive enjoyment of the outdoors. Here the entire family is brought closer together in a gratifying summer vacation.

The following list and description of public campgrounds throughout the Inyo-Mono Area was prepared this year in cooperation with the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. Information is the latest and most accurate available. When a camp has an asterisk (*) in front of it, it means that camping is limited to two weeks per party.

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

Lone Pine Area

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Located 10 miles south and 4 miles west of Lone Pine near Cottonwood Pack Station, the gateway to the Cottonwood Lakes high country. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Dirt road from main highway. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing.

***LONE PINE CREEK**—Located 7 miles west of Lone Pine. Good oiled road. Piped water. Supplies at Lone Pine. Elevation 6500 feet. 38 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. 10 picnic units.

***WHITNEY PORTAL**—Located 13 miles west of Lone Pine on Lone Pine Creek. Good oiled road, rather steep but passable. 60 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Fairly level camping space. Piped and stream water. Beginning of Mt. Whitney trail. Supplies at Lone Pine. Small store at Whitney Portal Pack Station during July and August. Elevation 8000 feet. View of Mt. Whitney, highest peak in continental United States. Fishing, picnicking.

Independence Area

***GRAY'S MEADOW**—Located 6 miles west of Independence. Good oiled road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level camping space. Stream water. Supplies at Independence. Elevation 6500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

***ONION VALLEY**—At the road's end from Independence west toward Kearsarge Pass. 30 camps with tables and stoves. Stream water. It is 15 miles from Independence the nearest supplies; paved road with switchbacks. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking. Pack stations serving Kearsarge Pass adjacent to campground.

OAK CREEK—Located 4 miles west of Fort Independence on the North Fork of Oak Creek. 12 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water; good dirt road from Fish Hatchery. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

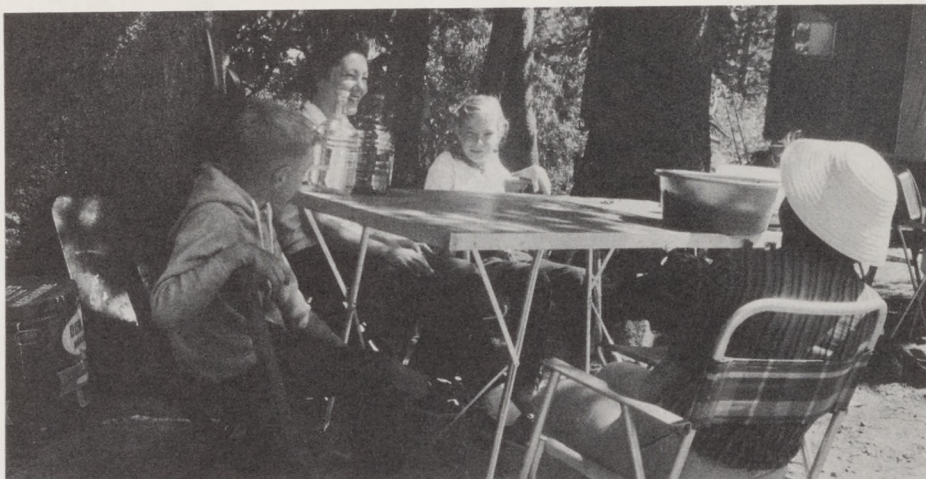
Big Pine Area

***BIG PINE CREEK**—Located 10 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 36 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Nine picnic units. Stream water. Supplies at Gla-



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Festa and family are shown at Lake Mary campgrounds.

(Steve Lukacik Photo).



Greenery everywhere, tall pines cast cool shadows and a gurgling stream close by to lull one to sleep. Lunch dishes are finished and it's time to catch up on some reading, maybe taking a nap, writing some letters or a game of checkers. Father has gone upstream to cast his fly in that long riffle while Mrs. Kenneth Robeson and children relax in their camp on Lee Vining Creek at the foot of Tioga Grade, July, 1962—Outdoor Guide photo.

cier Lodge. Elevation 7900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

FIRST FALLS—On Big Pine Creek, 1 mile west of Glacier Lodge at beginning of trail to Palisade Glacier. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 8500 feet. Palisade Glacier, southernmost in continental United States, reached from here via 12 mile trail; Glacier Pack Station. Fishing, hunting.

SAGE FLAT—Located 8 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

Bishop Creek Area

(For those using any of the public camps in the Bishop Creek area, supplies may be obtained at any of these four resorts: Cardinal Village, Bishop Creek Lodge, Parcher's Rainbow Camp, or Lake Sabrina Camp).

BIG TREES—On Bishop Creek, 13 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK No. 1—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 15 miles southwest of Bishop. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8100 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK No. 2—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road, rather narrow. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK No. 3—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK No. 4—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8700 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK No. 5—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 20 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

LA HUPP—On south fork of Bishop Creek,

near South Lake, 21 miles southwest of Bishop. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH LAKE—A rough camping space located on the south fork of Bishop Creek at South Lake, 22 miles southwest of Bishop. 3 camps with toilets. Stream and spring water. Elevation 9700 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

***BISHOP PARK**—Located on the middle fork of Bishop Creek, 16 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

***LAKE SABRINA**—On middle fork of Bishop Creek near Lake Sabrina, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Oiled road. 11 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

NORTH LAKE—Located on the north fork of Bishop Creek near North Lake, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. 12 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

PINE CREEK—Pine Creek is closed to public camping due to industrial development.

Rock Creek Area

(Those using the public camp grounds in the Rock Creek Area can obtain supplies at Tom's Place, Rock Creek Lodge, and Rock Creek Lakes Store).

***ROCK CREEK CANYON**—On Rock Creek 2 miles below Tom's Place on U. S. 395, 24 miles from Bishop. 2 camps with stoves, tables, and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing.

***LOWER ROCK CREEK**—On Rock Creek near Tom's Place, 26 miles north of Bishop near 395. 85 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ASPEN PARK—On Rock Creek 3½ miles from U. S. 395. 4 camps with stoves, tables, and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8100 feet. Fishing, hunting.

IRIS MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek, 4 miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8300 feet. Fishing, hunting.

BIG MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek 4½ miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PALISADE—On Rock Creek, 5 miles south of U. S. 395, on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

EAST FORK—Located along Rock Creek, 6 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 10 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PINE GROVE—On Rock Creek 8 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9300 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—On Rock Creek and Rock Creek Lake, 11 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream and lake water. Elevation 9600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating.

MOSQUITO FLAT—Located along Rock Creek, 12 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road.



One of the many popular Forest Service campgrounds in the High Sierras is located at Whitney Portal 13 miles west of Lone Pine. Available are spaces for 60 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. It is here the trail up Mt. Whitney begins.—Photo by Ray Clewett, Los Angeles.

3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 10,000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

McGee Creek Area

MCGEE CREEK—On McGee Creek Road 2 miles south of U. S. 395 via dirt road. 1 camp with stove, table, and toilet. Stream water. Supplies nearby. Elevation 7600 feet. Fishing, hunting.

Convict Lake Area

***CONVICT LAKE AND CREEK**—Located at Convict Lake and along Convict Creek 5 miles southwest of Mammoth Junction and 2 miles west of U. S. 395. 85 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Oiled road. Supplies at Convict Lake Resort. Elevation 7600 feet. Fishing, hunting, boating, picnicking.

Mammoth Lakes Area

MAMMOTH CREEK—Located on Mammoth Creek on old Mammoth Lakes road, 1 mile west of U. S. 395. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting. Swimming and boating, 4 miles.

***SHADY REST**—Located 4 miles west of U. S. 395 near Mammoth Ranger Station on Mammoth Lakes Highway. 71 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming and boating, 4 miles.

MILL CITY—On road to Old Mammoth, 3 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 6 camps with stove, table, and piped water. Hunting, fishing, picnicking.

SHERWIN CREEK—Located on Sherwin Creek, 3 miles southeast of Mammoth via good dirt road. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7700 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming and boating, 5 miles.

***TWIN LAKES**—Located on Twin Lakes, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes Highway and 3 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 108 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Twin Lakes Store. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating. Swimming, 2 miles. \$1.00 per day charge.

***LAKE MARY**—On Lake Mary, 3 miles west of Mammoth, reached by Mammoth Lakes Highway. 34 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Ele-

vation 8900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating. Swimming, 1 mile.

LAKE GEORGE—On Lake George, 4 miles west of Mammoth, via Mammoth Lakes Highway. 7 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, boating, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

COLDWATER—On Coldwater Creek at south end of Lake Mary, 4 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 18 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Boating and swimming, 2 miles.

HORSESHOE LAKE—On the shore of Horseshoe Lake at the end of Mammoth Lakes highway, 3½ miles from Mammoth Ranger Station. No overnight camping. Dressing rooms available here. Swimming.

BIG SPRINGS—Located on Owens River 10 miles north of Mammoth and 2 miles east of U. S. 395 on oiled road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Spring water. Elevation 7200 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking.

GLASS CREEK—Located 11 miles north of Mammoth Ranger Station, and ¼ mile west of U. S. 395. Near Crestview Resort. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Crestview. Elevation 7300 feet. Hunting, fishing.

Reds Meadow Area

(This area accessible by auto from U. S. Highway 395, turning off at Casa Diable Hot Springs, past Mammoth Ranger Station and over the Minaret Summit road into Reds Meadows).

AGNEW MEADOWS—Located 9½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station. Stream water. 9 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Beginning of trails to Shadow, Garnet and Thousand Island Lakes. Hunting, fishing. Boating 6 miles. Devils Postpile National Monument, 4 miles.

UPPER SODA SPRINGS—Located 10½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 8 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

PUMICE FLAT—Located 11½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station, on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

MINARET FALLS—Located 12½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

REDS MEADOW—Located 14 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. Spring and stream water. 62 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Near guard station and Red's Meadow Resort and Pack Station. Hot water tub bathhouse nearby. Also public tourist pasture. Supplies available at Reds Meadow Store. Elevation 8000 feet. Fishing, hunting.

June Lake Area

(Within 1 hour's drive of ghost town of Bodie, over fair road. One-half hour drive to Mono Craters and Mono Lake).

***JUNE LAKE**—Adjacent to June Lake, reached by paved road 2 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 40 camps, piped water, toilets and tables. Stores, supplies and boats adjacent. Elevation 7600 feet. Boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, picnicking



Familiar to the many campers and fishermen on the middle fork of Bishop Creek is this scene of unspoiled mountain beauty below Lake Sabrina—Photo by Paul A. Podolski, Hollywood.

***GULL LAKE**—Adjacent to Gull Lake, reached by paved road 4 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 26 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water supply. Toilet facilities. Stores and supplies nearby. Elevation 7600 feet. Hunting, boating, fishing, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

***SILVER LAKE**—Adjacent to Silver Lake, reached by paved road 8 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 65 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water, toilet facilities. Store supplies and pack station adjacent. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting.

***RUSH CREEK**—Along Rush Creek between Silver and Grant Lakes, reached by paved road 8 to 10 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 43 camp sites scattered and in groups along 2½ miles of Rush

Creek. Toilets, stoves, and tables. Stores, supplies and pack train nearby. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, hunting, fishing, picnicking.

Tioga Pass Area

***LEE VINING**—Situated along Lee Vining Creek 1 mile west of Highway 395 on the Tioga Pass Highway. 16 camps with stoves and tables, piped water, toilet facilities. Stores and supplies 1½ miles east at town of Lee Vining. Elevation 7200 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles, in Mono Lake (salt water) Mono County maintains 17 additional camps with tables and toilets. along Lee Vining Creek. Stream water.

BIG BEND—Along Lee Vining Creek 6 miles west of U. S. 395. 14 camps with stoves, tables, toilets, piped water. Supplies at Lee Vining. Elevation 7600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ELLERY LAKE—On Tioga Pass Highway 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park Boundary. 8 camps with stoves and tables, toilet facilities. Adjacent to Lee Vining Creek and Ellery Lake; store, supplies and boats nearby. Elevation 9400 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting, hiking.

TIOGA JUNCTION—On Tioga Pass Highway, 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park on the junction of Lee Vining Creek and Mine Creek. 4 camps with tables and toilets. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

TIOGA LAKE—Situated adjacent to Tioga Lake on Tioga Pass Highway, 13 miles west of Highway 395, and one mile east of Yosemite National Park boundary. 3 camp sites, toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating, hiking.

SAWMILL—On road to Saddlebag Lake, 1 mile from Tioga Pass highway. 4 camps with stoves, tables, and toilets. Elevation 10,000 feet. Fishing, hunting, hiking, picnicking.

SADDLEBAG LAKE—On Saddlebag Lake, reached by fair dirt road 2 miles from Tioga Pass Highway at a point 12 miles west of Highway 395. 10 camps with stoves and tables; Toilet facilities. Boats adjacent. Store and supplies on Tioga Pass Highway. Elevation 10,000 feet. Boating, fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking. Entrance to Hoover Wild Area.

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Virginia Lakes Area

TRUMBULL LAKE AREA—Located on Virginia Creek, 5 miles west of Conway Summit which is on Highway 395, via the Virginia Creek road. 40 stoves, 55 tables and benches, piped and stream water. Level campground with trailer space and toilet facilities. Virginia Lake Resort nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation, 9960 feet.

Green Creek Area

GREEN CREEK CAMP—Located on Green Creek, 15 miles south and west of Bridgeport via Highway 395 and the Green Creek road. No stoves, 15 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream water. Green Creek Resort with store, supplies, cabins and pack train nearby. Elevation 7500 feet.

Twin Lakes Area

HONEYMOON FLAT—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 11 miles on the Twin Lakes road. No stoves, 12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and

spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

ROBINSON CREEK—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 135 camping units. Toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

LOWER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 4 stoves, 6 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 15 miles on the Twin Lakes road. This is a private camp with stoves, tables, toilet facilities, trailer space and cabins. Mono Village Resort has store, supplies and boats at the camp on Upper Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7100 feet.

Bridgeport-Topaz Area

BRIDGEPORT LAKE AND EAST WALKER RIVER—Located 3 miles north of Bridgeport on Highway 22. No developed camps in this area. Motels, hotels, stores and supplies at Bridgeport. Boats on the Lake. Elevation 6400 feet.

WEST WALKER RIVER—Sonora Bridge located on the West Walker River, 1 mile west of the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. Partly developed. 12 stoves, 12 tables and benches, piped water. Supplies at Fales Hot Springs on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Pack trains at Devils Gate on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Elevation 6800 feet.

LEAVITT MEADOWS—Located on West Walker River 7 miles west of Junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. 25 camping units. Piped water and toilet facilities. Leavitt Meadow Lodge nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

CHRIS FLAT—Located on the West Walker River three miles below the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 395. 20 stoves, 20 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Stores and supplies at Walker village and Coleville, 12 miles down river on Highway 395. Elevation 6500 feet.

COLEVILLE—No developed camps in this area.



Forest Service trail crew builds trail on Shadow Creek, for national forest use and for hikers and riders into the wilderness area of the High Sierras. (US Forest Service Photo).



Fishing is tops in the Bridgeport-Topaz area throughout the season. Here is a couple fishing Upper Twin Lake near Bridgeport. (Henderson Photo).



Packing into the Wilderness area of the High Sierra is becoming more and more popular each year. Here is a typical pack train on its way into some remote area where fishing is tops. (All Year Club Photo).

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Guide went to press, re-opening date of the Bishop course had not been firmly set. So . . . if you're headed towards Inyo-Mono from Southern California, we suggest you play Lone Pine or Death Valley, or both . . . first! Bishop course open to public. Full facilities.

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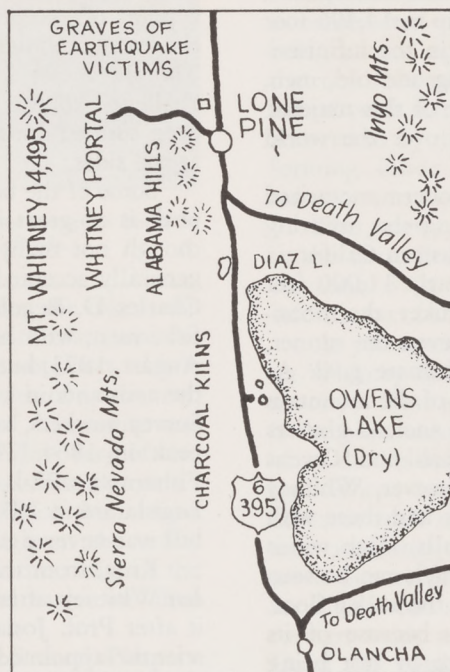
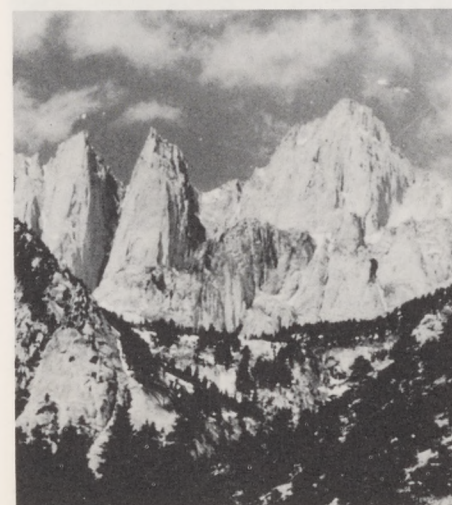
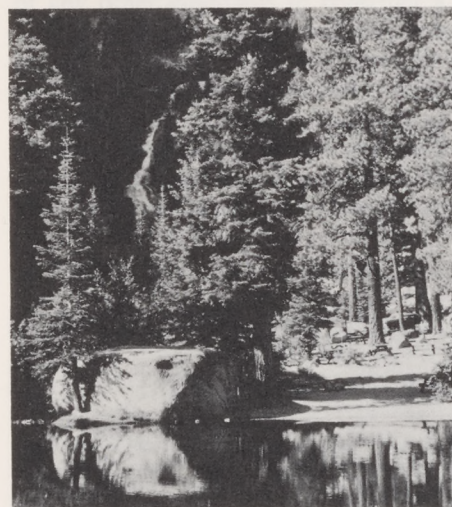


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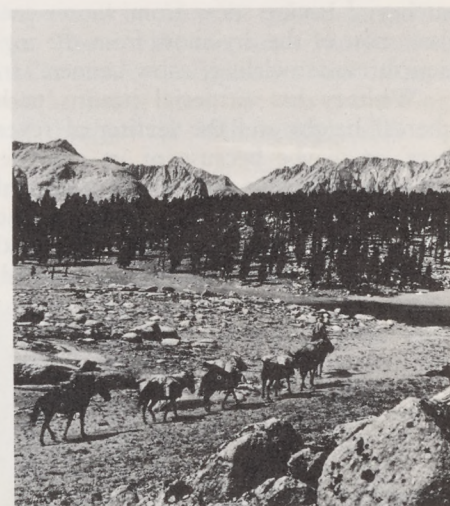
● CENTER LEFT—Whitney Portals not only marks the beginning of the Mt. Whitney trail but also provides good picnicking and camping.

● BOTTOM LEFT—One of the most famous mountains in the world is Mt. Whitney which towers 14,496 feet to the west of Lone Pine. (*Fantozzi Photo*).

● TOP RIGHT—The nine hole Mt. Whitney golf course is fast becoming one of southern Inyo's most popular attractions. (*Morgan Photo*)

● CENTER RIGHT—Fishing and camping in the backcountry out of Lone Pine is tremendous. Picture here was taken at Siberian Pass.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—A highway will soon provide access into the colorful Cottonwood Basin. Here are remains of an old sawmill there.



11,000 ft. Granite Stairway

by Margaret Sparrevohn

If it's the big country and the call of lofty peaks, coupled with high elevation scenery and the grandeur unsurpassed that only this type of region offers, then a trip to 14,496 foot Mt. Whitney, where numberless peaks rise in the infinitesimal distance, is yours for the asking. Young and old, men, women and children may climb the summit of this majestic peak. Annually scores of persons from all over the world make this journey into the clouds.

Various means of travel, none with modern motorized equipment or airplane, are used in ascending the towering ridge of the Sierra Nevada Range of southeastern California where the precipitous eastern slope rises nearly 11,000 feet above the floor of the Owens Valley. The hiker, the mountain climber, the horseback rider, and now even the runner, considers the mountain a challenge and ultimate goal. As one climbs the ridge it is noted that the sides of the mountain are scored and polished here and there by ancient glaciers that flowed down the valleys of the Kern and Owens rivers as tributaries to greater ice flows. However, Whitney has no glaciers today, but is dotted only here and there with patches of lasting snow from winter snowfalls. High winds blow most of the dry snow from the top which can be seen as picturesque swirling "snow banners" from the valley floor.

Whitney has a special beauty, perhaps because of its ethereal height and the feeling of reverence by just being there, or maybe because of its extreme starkness and the sensation of having reached the "rim of the world."

The summit of this lofty peak is the culminating point of an immense pile of granite, boasts a three-and-a-half-acre plateau and is surfaced with fine grained granite and bould-

ers, some piled high form a slightly elevated viewing vantage point. Many "shutterbug" enthusiasts have found this to be a point of exceptional interest. The peak stubbornly resists the vicious winter storms and little or no erosion is noted. The sheer east face cliffs, that have become such a great challenge to the avid mountain climber, are said to have been formed during the ice ages when glaciers worked away at the sides.

Some of the background history of this nationally known peak is of great interest and the very early recordings, although not many, are controversial, to say the least. It is generally accepted that official reports credit a John Lucas, Charles D. Begole and Albert H. Johnson, Owens Valley fishermen, with having made the first ascent to the top, in August, 1873, but credit is also given Clarence King, one of the assistants in a field party of California State Geological Survey workers, as being the first to observe and name the peak in 1864. The fishermen had thoughts of calling it Fisherman's Peak, in fact a bill was offered in the California Legislature in 1878, officially designating it as such, but this bill was never signed.

King, from the top of what is now Mt. Tyndall, picked out Whitney, after sighting it as the highest peak, and named it after Prof. Josiah Dwight Whitney, distinguished eastern scientist appointed to be California State Geologist. As this discovery was of scientific importance and conducted officially by the state geological survey it is certainly fitting that the country's highest peak bears the name of the official so designated.

Those familiar with Mt. Whitney today think of it most-



From 13,330 ft. Whitney Pass the climber views the breathtaking sight of Hitchcock Lakes and Pinnacles. The location was named after Charles Henry Hitchcock, professor of geology at Dartmouth College.—Photo by Roy Saarni.





Above timberline Consolation Lake not only is a beauty attraction but is of interest to the fisherman — climber for the Rainbows it affords.
—Photo by Roy Saarni.

ly in the light of the active mountain climber, the hiker who likes the challenge of the trail, the nature enthusiast, and the sportsman who thrives on the great out-of-doors. Little thought perhaps is given to the scientific fields of astronomy, meteorology, physics, solar heat and data of this nature and to valuable literature of the West that the discovery of this peak has made available to the world today. First in a series of far-reaching plans to carry out any work of this nature, or any other kind, was to construct a trail from the valley floor to the top. As numerous scientists became aware of the high point peak, indications that it would make an ideal location for an observatory came to light.

One of the leaders in this move was Samuel Pierpont Langley, director of the Allegheny Observatory, Pittsburgh, Pa., and following his expedition to the peak, was instrumental in having an executive order issued making the Mt. Whitney area a military reservation. In spite of his efforts to attract scientific attention it was nearly 20 years later that the excellent facilities of nature were utilized. This came about through the foresight and diligent efforts of a prominent Lone Pine citizen, G. F. Marsh, and other public spirited citizens on either side of the mountains, who recognized that in the 20 years Mt. Whitney had been a military reservation nothing had really happened. They petitioned their congressman to provide for a trail and when Congress failed to furnish the funds, Mr. Marsh, Alexander G. McAide, weather bureau chief from San Francisco and J. E. Church Jr. of Reno interested the people of Owens Valley in the cause.

Actual building of the trail began in August, 1903, and Mr. Marsh was in charge of the work party. About three miles of trail was completed before the winter snows drove them off the mountain. This and the following year was to prove very important to the future of the trail as the government ordered the military reservation transferred to the Dept. of Interior which would make it a part of Sequoia National Park. With the local strong advocates of the trail project and those working in Washington, also Prof. Langley, then with the Smithsonian Institute, hopes of federal support of the trail were high. When these hopes were shattered Lone Pine citizens again came to the rescue and with locally sponsored activities and support from the County Board of Supervisors, funds grew once again.

Man's efforts up the precipitous mountainside and the hard work and dreams of Mr. Marsh and his fellow workers,

came to a glorious ending on July 18, 1904, when a bonfire was lit on the summit that evening, announcing to the community below that the momentous task had been completed.

In 1908 when scientists from the Lick Observatory and the Smithsonian Institute explored the qualities and possibilities of the peak and were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Marsh, plans were soon underway once again for scientific study in the area. Funds were granted by the Smithsonian Institute, and others, to construct a shelter on the nation's then highest peak. In the comparatively short time of approximately 30 days the structure was completed shortly before schedule. Approximately 15' x 30' in size the building is constructed of native granite, with timber and cement being packed up by mule back, as was the sheet metal for the roof. It boasts several windows and door and in the number of years standing it is today still a fine, stable structure, referred to by many as "the ice box" due to the fact that ice forming inside during heavy winter snows and extreme temperatures at this elevation never quite melts away.

The gateway to this majestic mountain now commences in the quite little Owens Valley community of Lone Pine, elevation 3700 feet, where friendly citizens are eager to inform you of the wealth of scenic beauties in the area.

As you enter the town on Highway 6 and 395, turn west on Whitney Portal Road (practically the center of the community). First to take your eye, as you approach the Sierras, is the picturesque range of Alabama Hills, generally spoken of as the "oldest rock formation in the world." This scenic spot is awe-inspiring to the traveler in this region as the fantastic rock masses are unbelievably unique; giant spires take on grotesque shapes and boulders in twisted formations are a picture paradise. These hills, too, are a movie mecca for Hollywood studios as scenery lends itself to that of many foreign lands as well as being ideal for western settings. Good dirt roads lead through the hills making side trips really worthwhile.

Continuing up the well paved highway, with Lone Pine creek winding down the canyon, your ascent to the 8367 ft. level finds you at Whitney Portal, 13 miles west of Lone Pine. Here the forest service maintains campgrounds where you may pitch a tent, park your trailer house, or roll your sleeping bag on the ground under the towering pines. Sheer cliffs carve out the north and south walls in this beautiful

Pictured below is the cabin that marks the peak of Mt. Whitney, 14,496 feet, Smithsonian Institute and others furnished funds for the 15' x 30' cabin.
—Photo by Roy Saarni.





At the top of the stairway hundreds of visitors are rewarded for their climb with the panorama of spectacular views stretching out on all sides.
—Photo by Roy Saarni.

spot and at road's end the Portal Falls leaves little to be desired. Here, too, is a man-made lake constantly stocked with nice pan-sized Rainbow trout, a special delight to youngsters anxious to drop that squirming worm into its depths.

Throughout the portal tables and stoves have been arranged for your convenience and water is piped or can be taken from the stream at most locations. Seventy usable campsites serve the public in this area and are equipped for

rough but comfortable camping for periods of two week intervals. Picnic facilities are available at the lake though no overnight camping is permitted here. A small store, complete with lunch counter, at the Whitney Portal Pack Station is open to the public from June 1 until Labor Day.

This, too, is the starting point for foot or horse travel to Mt. Whitney. Here the genial Morgan family, and their accommodating assistants operate the Mt. Whitney Pack Station. They will provide horses, mules and excellent guide service for trips to the top of Whitney and down the western slope to the numerous lakes on the other side where the very finest in fishing for Rainbow, Golden, Brown and Brook trout may be enjoyed. Pack stock is available here during July and August and they will assist in planning and making the trip. Guides, meals, stock and camping equipment will be provided as needed.

A one-day trip to Whitney from the Portal headquarters and return can be made in about 12 hours. Should two days be preferred for this same trip, horses leave the portal pack station around noon and return around six p.m. the next day. Some like a three-day trip. This schedule calls for leaving the portal around noon, return to Outpost Camp at 4 o'clock the second day and back to the portal at noon the third day.

A short jaunt from the pack station headquarters, about two and a half miles up and off to the left of the main trail is serene but small Lone Pine Lake (9900 ft. elev.), frequented a great deal by those who like a brisk ride to a dandy fishing spot for Brookies and Rainbows . . . a pretty place for pictures, too. A mile from here finds you at Outpost Camp (elev. 10,300), where many camp overnight, as a two-day trip seems to be the most popular in the climb to Whitney. However, Mirror Lake (elev. 10,600) and only a



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half mile beyond seems to be preferred for this first stop. This, too, is the last site for finding firewood and a good camp.

Mirror Lake, with its luscious Eastern Brook trout, offers fine fishing, and located on the north side of Whitney trail is skirted by thinning windswept pines and bits of mountain meadow. Small, but beautifully picturesque, it nestles at the base of interesting rocky bluffs. An early morning start from here and a mile and half up the trail, now beyond timberline, you may view Consultation Lake (11,780 ft. elev). This lake, larger than the others, is slightly to the left of the trail and set under a rugged wall with sloping rock slides, sometimes dotted with snow banks. Most fishermen find this an excellent spot, netting fair sized Rainbows.

Between Consultation Lake and the Sierra Nevada crest, the boundary between Inyo National Forest and Sequoia National Park, some 97 switchbacks are noted in the sharp incline. As the trail climbs over the crest it skirts rock needles of the main peak and upon reaching Whitney Pass only a mile or two of slow climbing remains. While bridging the "windows" or "chimneys" between these pinnacles, in places the three-foot trail is flanked east and west by dizzying drops of a near 1000 ft. thrilling and exciting to say the least. On the very top, though hard to visualize from the valley floor, the summit slopes gently away to the west and several acres of rocky surface provides relaxing and viewing points.

Of interest here is the fact that this summit slope, in 1955, served as a landing field for a helicopter making test landings with a new and improved motor adapted for high altitude use.

Mt. Whitney, loftiest peak in the United States (before Alaska) is also one of the busiest. Records indicate that an extremely popular way of getting to the top is by foot and

U. S. Forest Service registers placed at the start of the trail at Whitney Portal reveal unbelievable figures. In 1961 registrations indicated that 9600 traveled the trail by foot, with 2736 of these actually completing the trip to the top. One of the biggest weekends was Labor Day the same year, figures disclosed 657 leaving the Portal and 399 actually on the peak. Of interest in the 1961 figures is the fact that 131 people from 25 foreign countries were among those traveling the trail.

In 1960 the Portal register showed 10,154 had journeyed up the trail. This is by no means a complete account of the hikers as many do not sign the register and then, too, those who come in from the west side or Crabtree Ranger Station often go only to the top and return the same route.

Should you plan a hike to Whitney, leave the Portal in the early afternoon, take a sleeping bag, food for your dinner and breakfast and lunch the next day. Hike as far as Mirror Lake then start up the trail again early in the morning; the summit will be reached by noon. The return trip will have you back at the Portal before dark.

In contrast to the many thousands annually that hike to the top of the nation's high peak, taking a day and a half to make the round trip with an overnight stop, are the marathon enthusiasts that took to the trail at Whitney Portal in 1960 for the first time. Making the 21.6 miles to the top and return in the amazing time of 4 hrs. 9 min. 22½ sec. was 25-year-old Charles Calvin Hansen of Colorado Springs, Colo. The following year he broke his own record and won again, this time in 3 hrs. 54 min. and 45 seconds.

Interest in the spectacular marathon was aroused by Bob and Jerri Lee of Ridgecrest and sponsored by the Southern Inyo Chamber of Commerce, under leadership of president John Aitchison of Lone Pine. The sports event, on Sept. 7,

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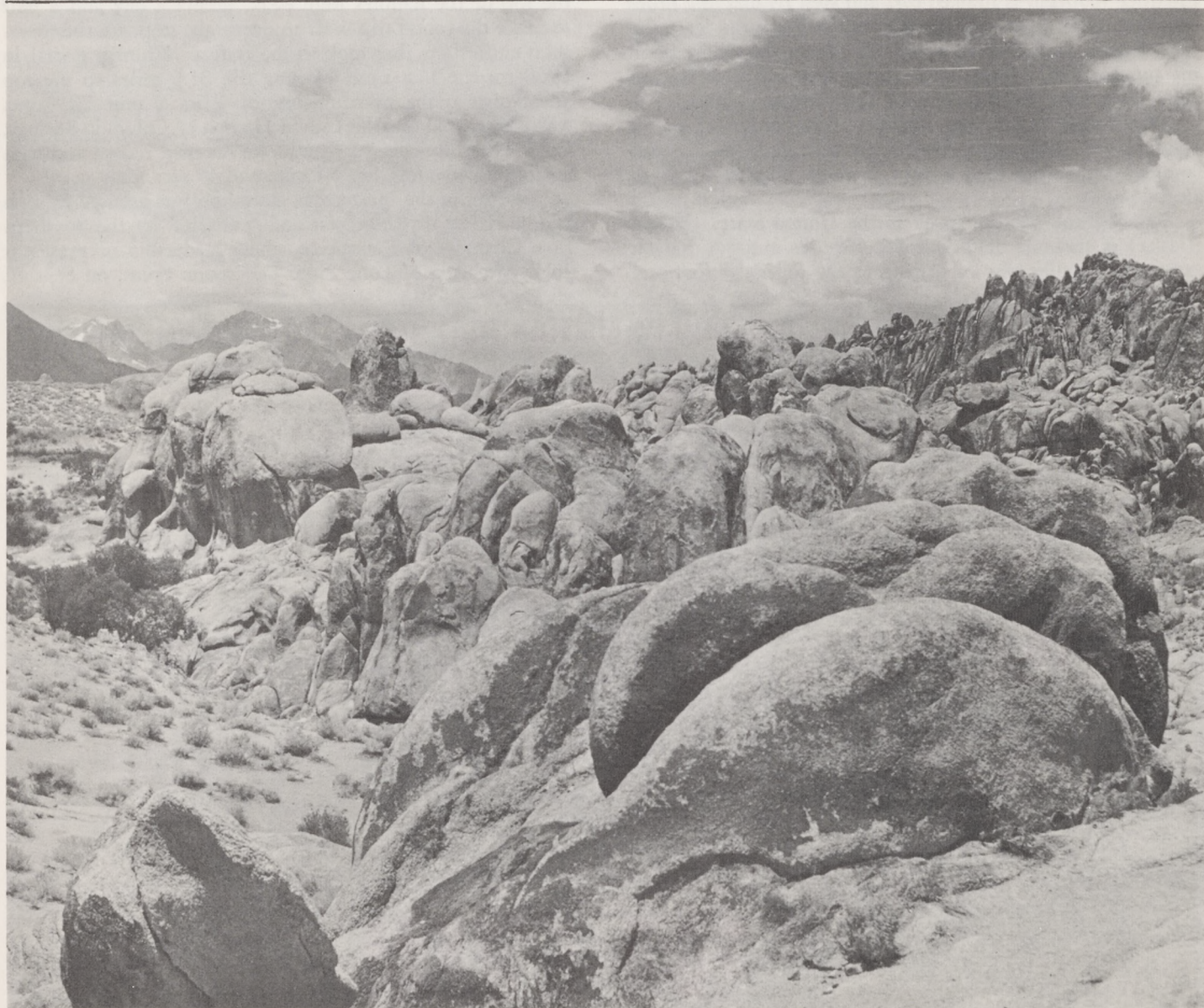
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1960, saw 10 entrants leave the Whitney Portal starting point, of these, one was a 59-year-old woman. In 1961, on Sept. 6, the second marathon boasted 28 entries including two women, the single woman entry from the previous year trying once again, and a young 17-year-old girl. Hansen again took first place, this time with a little over three hours as his record breaking time and his runner-up only four minutes later. Four others returned in slightly over four hours. Nineteen finished the gruelling race where more than 6100 feet is climbed before reaching the craggy peak.

The call of the high country also beckons the nature lover and this entire area in the Sierras is a beautiful one. Throughout the 13 miles of trail numerous varieties of white fir and Jeffrey pine, red fir and lodgepole pine provide pleasant and cool cover as you wind up the mountainside. Foxtail pine is also visible, this quite similar to Bristlecone and, if grown together, would be difficult to tell apart. Foxtail pine is special to our part of the Sierra but no mountain hemlock or Sierra juniper is found in the Whitney area. Colorful high altitude flowers dot the mountainsides and trail and vary in specie as one climbs. Scarlet Eaton penstemon, clumps of

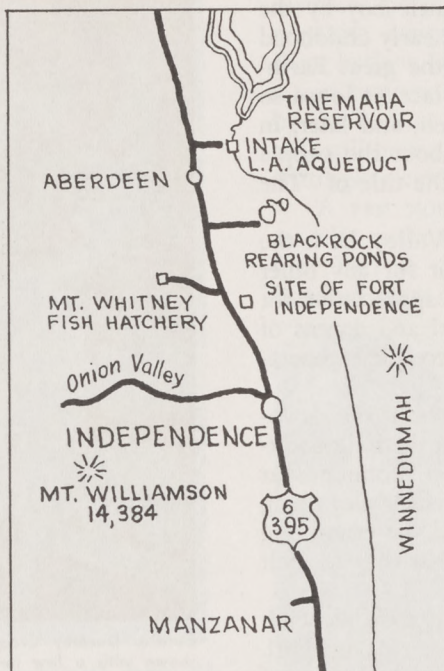
mountain mint with rose-purple flower heads brighten the open switchbacks. Lush growth of ball or woolly parsnip and tall angelica attract the eye. Then too as you continue up the mountain and pass through bits of meadow, lovely cornstocks, of false helebore, red columbine, blue larkspur and monkshood add color. As the trail finally switchbacks up the cliffs there still may be seen small alpine things, tiny white or yellow cresses, alum root and daisies and as you top the crest a special treat, if the season is not too late, may be seen blue-purple Polemonium or sky pilot.

All these attractions, and many more, will make a delightful trip one to be long remembered. And the panoramic view from the "tip top" is worth all efforts in ascending the peak. On the summit to the north stretch numerous mighty peaks of the Sierra and beautiful Lake Tuleinyo, highest lake in the U. S., is at your feet. To the southwest are rugged and high Hitchcock Lakes where the finest in golden trout fishing can be yours. To the west are the beautiful Keweahs and farther still the fertile San Joaquin Valley. Your east view is a magnificent panorama of the Owens Valley and far beyond the Inyo and Panamint Ranges.



The Alabama Hills, unique rock formations west of Lone Pine, have long been a favorite locale for TV and motion picture companies. They are one of Southern Inyo's famous landmarks. (Photo by Ray Clewett).

Things to see around Independence



● TOP LEFT—Inyo county is proud of this stately courthouse at Independence. It houses the famous Eastern California Museum.

● CENTER LEFT—One of the most popular spots for tourists is Dehy Park at Independence, featuring the original "Slim Princess."

● BOTTOM LEFT—One of the famous Owens Valley landmarks is the historical old Commander's House in the center of Independence.

● TOP RIGHT—The Eastern California Museum is a "must see" for the whole family, home of the famous Black family Indian baskets.

● CENTER RIGHT—Just north of Independence is located one of the many roadside rest parks maintained by the county of Inyo.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—Mt. Whitney Hatchery, located north of Independence, produces thousands of trout which are planted throughout the state.



Our

ENCHANTED VALLEY

by Dorothy C. Cragen

ONCE UPON A TIME, as the old stories used to say, there lived in what we call the "Fort Area" of the Owens River Valley, a little boy by the name of Guy Earl. He spent his early childhood there, but left with his parents soon after the great Earthquake of 1872, never again to live in the place he loved so well. However, he returned in memory often, and later, in the sunset years, wrote a series of stories about the people and places that he loved as a child, under the title of "The Enchanted Valley."

Today, few who live in the Enchanted Valley, be it the north end, south, or middle, would leave it for any other place in the world; and as the years pass, the appreciation for the heritage left by the parents of Guy Earl and dozens of other pioneers, grows greater with each succeeding generation.

Perhaps the pioneers had little time to watch the dawning light strike the Sierra Nevada, or to count the long pointed shadows that creep over the White-Inyo Mountains at the close of day; yet, the very tenacity with which they clung to the land, the names they left behind, and the crumbling foundations of their towns, make us think that they too felt this enchantment.

No place is this charm felt more than in the Independence and Fort Areas, the lands once known to Guy Earl. One feels it as he walks the old trails, stands on the site of the Fort, or roams over the ruins of old ranches. No adobe walls or flying flags are needed to tell that martial music, the rattle of guns, and the sound of taps once reverberated across the land. The echoes are there; they follow us even into the little cemetery where once the sorrowful notes of the trumpet placed each one to rest.

That the soldiers felt this enchantment there is little doubt. The letters they left, the stories they told, and the fact that they always wanted to return when transferred away, bears out this point.

Independence has more roads to old forgotten places than perhaps any of the other communities. In addition to the Fort area, the soldiers' caves, and the old cemetery, there is the winding road up to the ruins of the "Bell Mill" built in 1865. Here people came for miles around to grind their meal and flour, a change from grinding it in a coffee mill or on a rock. In the same general direction is the more modern aspect, the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

To the east, threading the foothills of the Inyos is the old road that once joined the mining towns of Bend City, San Carlos, and Chrysopolis, all beginning about 1862. Only crumbling foundations mark the spots today, but once they teemed with life, a bustling population, each one bent on getting rich from the nearby mines. Bend City had a circulating library and a stock exchange.

To the west of Independence a new modern highway leads into the Sierra Nevada to Onion Valley, opening up some of the finest fishing, hunting, packing, and scenic areas in this entire mighty range. The road itself is beautiful, not more than an eight percent grade, and the views are un-



Curator Dorothy Cragen and Museum Assn. President Mary DeDecker are shown with a few items from the outstanding collection of Indian baskets acquired by the county from the Black family of Owens Valley and stored at the museum.

paralleled. It is only a step, however from this modern convenience to the days almost one hundred years ago. Along this road is the ruins of the old Kearsarge Mill built to accommodate the production from the old Kearsarge, the Silver Sprout, and the Virginia Consolidated, all rich mines on the side of the Peak which bears the same name as the Mill. As one walks around the crumbling walls of the old mill, he thinks of the days when the soldiers at Camp Independence watched with fear, yet with eagerness for news of the battle between the USS Kearsarge and the CSS Alabama. That the USS Kearsarge won in the most deliberately planned Naval battle in the history of our Country is documented by the naming of this giant pyramidal peak which casts its shadow each day over the town of Independence. Surely no one can stand at the ruins, at the mine site, or even in the middle of the town of Independence without having that "welling up of pride feeling" for the history of his Country as he lifts his eyes to this massive mountain.

The town of Independence has retained more of the old flavor than any of the other towns in the Enchanted Valley. The main street, known as Edwards Street for the man who laid out the town, still has many reminders of the old days. There is the old Independence Hotel with its "River-boat Gothic architecture"; the Pines Cafe with remaining traces of early building designs; the ring in the pavement near Austin's Television Store where many a horse has been tethered; the Mary Austin Home; the two houses that were moved to Independence following the abandonment of the Military Post, the Commander's House and the Military Hos-

pital. In this last named building the old corbels under the eaves are beautifully preserved, as they are at the Independence Hotel and the Pines Cafe. Then there is the oldest house in the County, the Edwards House, we call it, although it has been known as the "Shepard House, Irwin House" and other names. It was built by the Edwards family in 1865, and has been used as a dwelling place since that time. It still



One of the most famous landmarks in southern Inyo county is this stately old Commander's House at Independence, used when troops were employed in Owens Valley in the late 1800s. It has been acquired by the county of Inyo.

stands, a dignified little salt-box type of a house, on Market Street just west of Edwards. There are a number of other houses in the town that were built from lumber salvaged from the Fort, from Kearsarge City, or from lumber floated down the river from Chrysopolis and Owensville. While Independence is a modern little town, nice homes, friendly people, it still reaches into the past, and is proud of the old houses that tell many rich stories of the past.

The show place of the town, however, is the Museum. This is located in the basement of the County Courthouse which itself is worthy of at least an hour's inspection. Its front facade with its four Greek Ionic Columns, distinguished by the spiral volutes of the capital, above which may be seen the Classical Pediment, makes it one of the most beautiful courthouses in California. The landscaped yard is a place of beauty the year around. In the basement of this beautiful building are the relics of yesteryear. Here is a blouse worn by a pioneer woman; a pair of wedding shoes of 1866; a silver card case made popular by the beautiful Eastern bride of Major Harry C. Egbert for a time the social leader of Independence. There are gold scales of the mining days; tools of the first farmers; old firearms; sidesaddles; cooking utensils long out of use; old autograph albums, invitations and valentines. One will find natural history, geology, minerals, archaeology, and of course, the baskets and artifacts of the real Natives, the Indians.

Such intricate designs as are woven into these baskets, one will seldom see. There is the small but so well made

basket telling the story of "Negro Charley"; the baskets made by "Mahala Joe" who though sentenced by his own people to wear a woman's dress the rest of his life for a cowardly act committed in 1862, expressed his desire to be a great hunter by weaving into the baskets the game animals of his day. There are baskets for religious ceremonies; baskets that express wishes; that show the Indian road to Heaven, and some that were made to hold the trinkets of a deceased. Stories of life and the things around them were woven into the baskets: trees, plants, water falls, lightning, figures of animals, reptiles, human beings, and mythical people and designs. Most of the baskets are of exquisite design and technique. Practically all who made these baskets have gone to their great reward, but they left a vast heritage of fine craftsmanship. When basket making by the Indians is no more, the Eastern California Museum will still house this heritage, made through necessity, but unwittingly a cultural treasure.

A vast storehouse of charm and enjoyment awaits the traveler to the center of the Enchanted Valley, the land that Guy Earl so named from his memories of it almost one hundred years ago.



Kearsarge Pinnacles, with Kearsarge Lakes in the foreground, are familiar landmarks in the backcountry out of Onion Valley. (Tom Henderson Photo).



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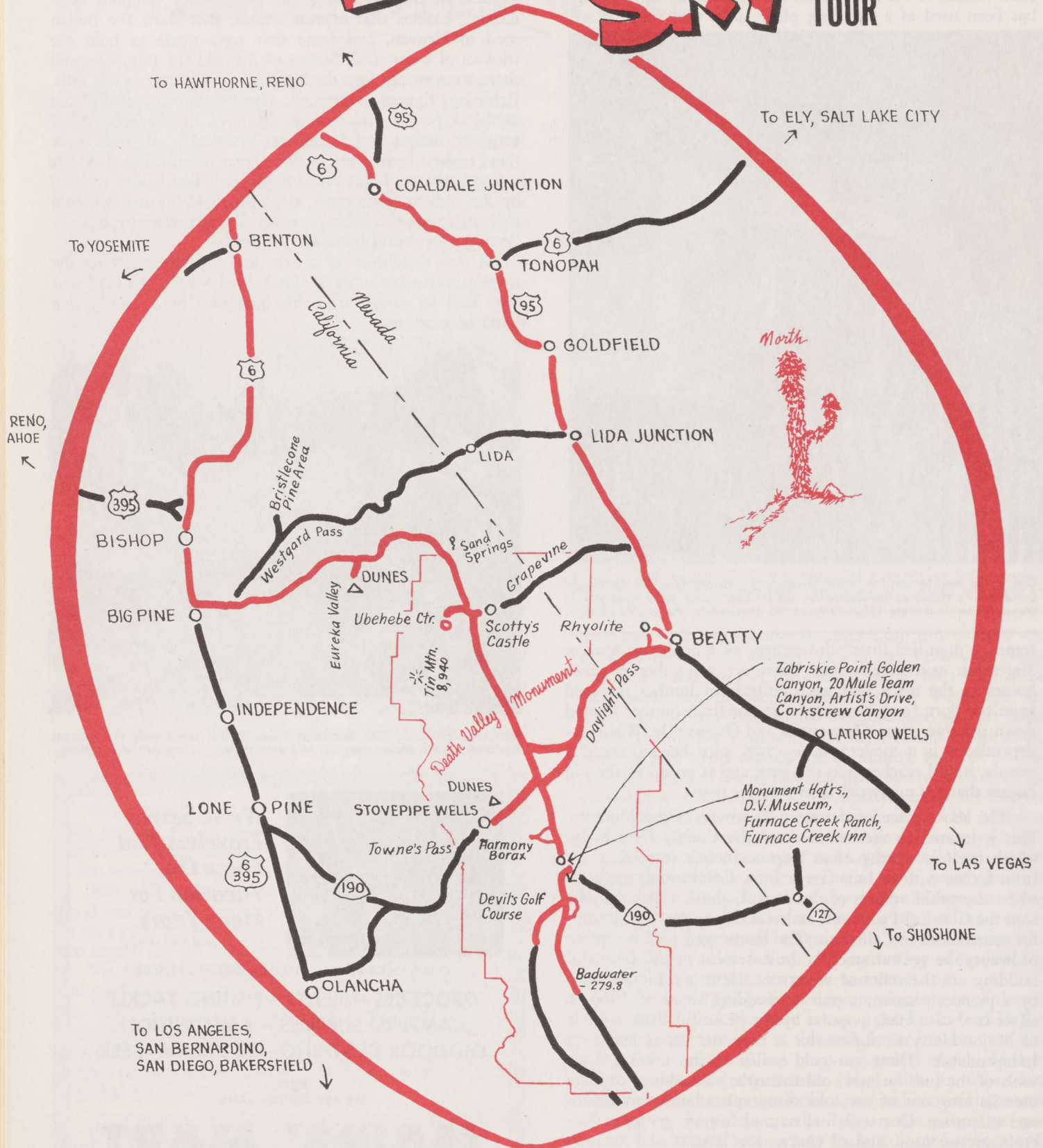
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Take the **BLUE SKY TOUR**

by C. Lorin Ray

(Map and photos by the author)

We had entered Death Valley over other routes before but this fine April morning we were interested in approaching the great sink from the north, over the newly completed road that winds across the Last Chance Range.

Checking the tank for gas we knew was a must, for the first obtainable would be at Death Valley Scotty's Castle, a run of 83 miles. We had packed colored film and a two quart canteen and our tires were good so we headed east under a cloudless blue sky.

With Big Pine, our starting point, just three miles behind us, we turned to the right from the Westgard road to continue on oil surface up the winding canyon, where fitful morning breezes were distributing little whisps of dust from the eroded chalk bluffs to the left.

We were driving a new Chevrolet Impala from Oyler-Wiley Motors in Bishop and the eager motor quickly brought us to the point where the Saline Valley road veered to the right at the summit, a distance of 16 miles. A short drive through Cowhorn Valley brought us to the flat where Joshua trees displayed such a multitude of branch design that we stopped to picture an exceptional tree silhouetted against the sky. A brief incline passed, we lazied down into Eureka Valley and noticed the elapsed time at the turnoff to the Loretta mine as 50 minutes.

As we crossed the valley in a southeasterly direction we were riding on dirt road which had been nicely graded by the boys of the Inyo County road department.

Although we had visited the sand dunes in the southern end of the valley before, we couldn't resist the short detour as we turned to the right at the directional sign.

The sun had traveled a part of its morning arch and the golden sands made a beautiful display propped against the backdrop of deep purple as the sun cast shadows into the Last Chance Range. An ancient Indian arrowhead, picked up at the base of the dunes, would remind us of our visit.

Returning to the course we had left we wound our way up the range to pass the dumps of the sulphur diggings at our left, to the mountains' crest.

At this point a blowout of deep red material has been dubbed Gobbler's Nob by the cat skimmers who carved the north entrance to Death Valley out of the hillside. As a margin of safety we descended in low gear to continue down to the floor of the valley, past Sand Springs, to the Monument boundary, a point that the speedometer showed to be 70 miles from Big Pine.

Although the scenery in the north end of the valley is not as colorful or spectacular as further south the sight of Tin Mountain rearing its 8,940 feet into the dome of the sky at the right and the colorful seepings of the springs from the Grapevine Range at the left are not to be overlooked.

Arriving at Scotty's Castle to clock 11:40 a.m., we parked the Impala in the big parking lot and were reminded that a cup of coffee and a sandwich at the nearby lunch room would be welcome.

The beautiful Moorish architecture of the castle and the greenery of the tall palms and other vegetation, that made this unexpected oasis such an attraction, challenged our camera lense and our stroll through the gift shop occupied



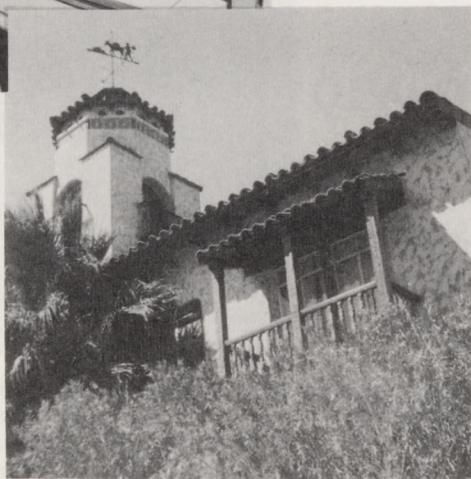
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A—Eureka Valley sand dunes present golden hues against purple backdrop. B—Colorful formations mark the crest of Last Chance range. C—The new approach to Death Valley from the north. D—Scotty's fabulous castle a dream oasis in the desert.

us while we waited for the guided tour through the castle.

To describe the beauty and artistry of tapestries, colorful tiles, hammered metals, wood carvings, crystals, etc., all of which were imported to be a part of the castle's furnishings, would take paragraphs. Room by room the tour has many interesting sights for the viewer to long remember in the name of Walter "Death Valley" Scott, the mystery prospector and his millionaire insurance man pardner Johnson.

On our departure we were aware that a good highway turned to the left up Grapevine Canyon to connect with highway 95 but our plans called for bearing south along the base of the Funeral Range, catch its beauty as the afternoon sun brought out the radiance of mauve, purple, chalk, beige, tan, terracotta, russet and intense brown. Our expectations were not to be unanswered and we tarried most too long to cross to Stovepipe Wells in order to picture the sand dunes ere evening shadows had dimmed their beauty.

As we paused for refreshments at Stovepipe Wells Hotel other travelers were coming in from Lone Pine over Towne's Pass and U. S. 395 and 6 to be accommodated for dining and room arrangements and we were reminded that it would soon be time for us to claim our reservations at Furnace Creek Ranch.

After dining and browsing through the store and gift shop for souvenirs we retired to pleasant accommodations to arise early full of enthusiasm for the following day's agenda.

The greenery of the ranch and the date garden was enjoyed in the morning light and followed by a tour of what seemed to be of main interest to others as well as ourselves—inspection of the historical relics and displays of both the Pacific Coast Borax Co. and the Death Valley Park Museum, both to be circled as a stop on any visit.

We had the pleasure of a visit with Superintendent of the Park Service Granville Lisle and some of his staff and continued southward with information gained on historical data, road conditions and places to visit in furthering our camera recording.

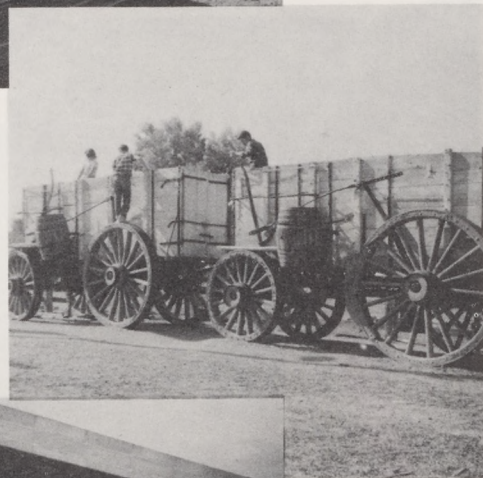
To mention but some of views to click a shutter on, we liked: Furnace Creek Inn, Zabriskie Point, Golden Canyon, Devil's Golf Course, Artist Drive, Natural Bridge and Badwater.

The day had been filled with beauty and blue sky, and now as the sun mounted the Panamint range to the west, we



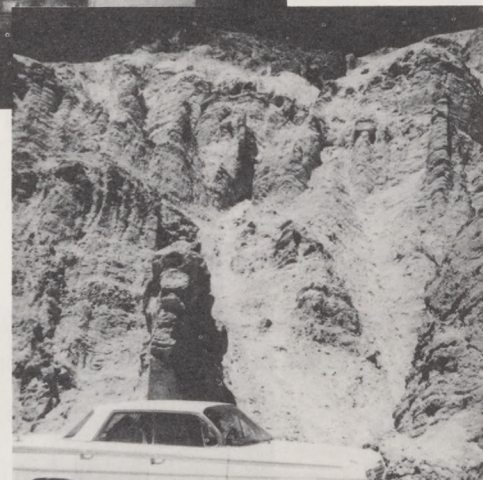
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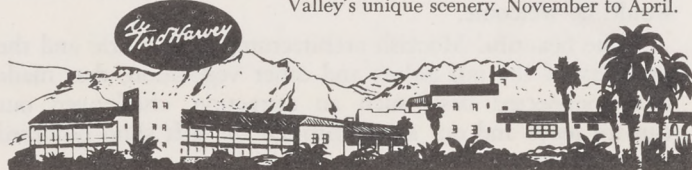
* FURNACE CREEK INN

(American Plan)

* FURNACE CREEK RANCH

(European Plan)

California's famous desert oasis offers an all-grass golf course, swimming, tennis, riding, and sightseeing the Valley's unique scenery. November to April.



A—The Grapevine and Funeral ranges on the east side of the valley present unlimited subjects for camera fans. Afternoon is considered best time for viewing the vivid contrasts. B—Any hour of the day will find visitors at Furnace Creek Ranch enjoying the numerous displays concerned with early history of the valley. Pictured here one of the famous 20-mule team wagons. C—Visit the Death Valley Museum where the exhibits describe how Death Valley was formed. A park naturalist will answer questions. D—A tale of erosion is revealed at colorful Golden Canyon, south of Furnace Creek where the coloring accents gold in many and varied patterns.

stopped a moment at the junction of the Daylight Pass road to Beatty and the evening shadows bid us pause to the recollection that the children climbing on the 20-mule team wagons, the campers and house trailers at Texas Springs and other sites, the artists and their canvases, the honey blonde on the springboard of the plunge at the ranch, the retired couple having lunch at Harmony Borax Works, the dude in shorts with sunburned legs, the bartender at the Crystal Bar had all been actors and props on the same stage where once Jayhawkers, the Bennett-Arcane party and William Lewis Manly and John Rogers had wiped the salt filled sweat

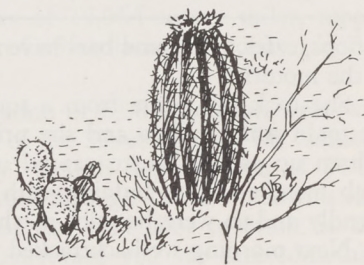
from their brow, to shoot another oxen for nourishment, that they might leave this Valley Of Death—now a Valley Of Life—and air conditioning.

Corkscrew Peak, in evening wrap of purple, nodded to us and we crossed the line into Nevada and our day's destination.

Beatty isn't a big town but she is an important town. Situated 114 miles from Las Vegas on the south and 93 miles from Tonopah on the north, she demands the recognition of travelers on U.S. 95 as they check their gasoline supply or check themselves for food and rest. Her motels, service



Most of the booming camps and cattle towns of the West had a saloon named The Northern, and Beatty was no exception. In this interesting Beatty street scene, taken in Nov. 1905, the townsfolk were both fond and proud of their burros, or "desert canaries" as they were sometimes known. The baby animal, held by the two men was three days old. An attempt to identify the men has been unsuccessful.



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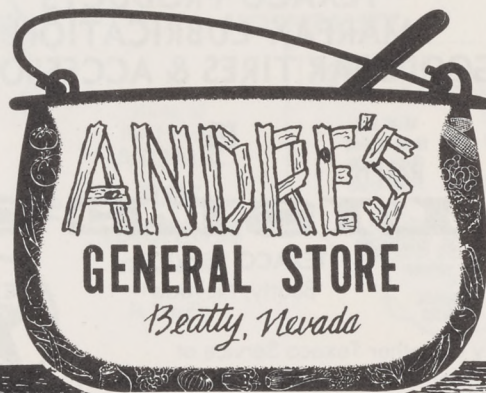
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Mrs. Frances Carlson, who for a woman has held a unique title, that of under-sheriff of Esmeralda County. Her office is surrounded with recordings of the history of the great gold camp, many written in longhand.



Historic Goldfield Hotel, where once the politicians and the mining magnates "cooked up the big deals" that were to shape the course of Nevada and affect the lives of many. Now a padlock bars entrance and clinking of glasses are heard no more.

stations, cafes, stores and bars have stocks geared to the needs of the motorist.

She took her name from a squaw man who controlled the main water source and she prides in being known and written up as the "burro capital of the world." Her Lions Club membership is bulging with boosters, her people are friendly and so were her slot machines.

Next morning we backtracked up the old railroad grade some four miles to a place, that for us will always bear a

sentimental meaning, once the home of Mother Ray.

Rhyolite lay on her desert couch soaking into her weary bones the warmth of the morning sun as did the horned toad on the slab of sand blasted lumber. Once a princess of the desert mining area, her wealth and energies were spent, she was content to reminisce of the golden hours.

From ragtown to stone edifices she had viewed the long line freighters arrive to deliver orders, whose haulage cost many times were greater than their original cost, water at \$5 a barrel, power lines from far off Bishop Creek to replace kerosene lamps and turn her mills, banks, schools, churches, caviar and champagne, roulette wheels, bejeweled dancehall girls, a chamber of commerce, three railroads that vied for her favors, hobnailed boots on board walks, silken drapes in the drawing rooms and a top population of 10,000 according to her local press.

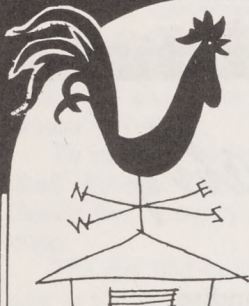
Built on highly engraved stock certificates, bank drafts of eastern capitalists and not from the bullion bars of her mines, she had lived a short life but a merry one. Now the whispering breeze through the deserted teller's cage and a glint of light off the bottles of the bottle house were her epitaph.

Shorty Harris, credited with her discovery, lies buried in Death Valley, by his own request, and his epitaph strikes a comparison: "Here lies Shorty Harris, a single blanket jack-ass prospector."

It is 67 miles from Beatty to Goldfield, so we checked the Impala and headed north. Long straight road and vistas that go on and on until you top the Goldfield Summit and then, bang—one after the other, probably the most colorful mining dumps in the west are ahead of you with their ghost-like gallows frames and hoist houses, joshua trees and tall brick buildings, and that's Goldfield.

Billy Marsh and Harry Stimler staked her in 1902 and before the tailing ponds from her mills had been filled she had hoisted a population of 30,000. And here a word of caution, don't refer to Goldfield as a ghost town for she's still the county seat of Esmeralda County and the people at the courthouse will cite that her population is approximately 150 and 650 are residing within the county.

Those colorful dumps were the refuse from millions and millions of beautiful yellow gold that were brought to the surface during her lusty days—\$11,000,000 alone in 1910



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and by far from low grade ore when judged by a shipment of 47 tons yielding gold to the tune of \$574,958.

She too had started as a ragtown but the home of Tex Ricard as you enter town, with its beautiful brick and leaded, colored glass windows will reveal that she didn't stay in the canvas long and that the promoter of Jack Dempsey had looked fondly towards comfort at the end of day.

Her fine school and gymnasium may have their windows boarded up but they are landmarks of learning as much as is the Goldfield Hotel is a beacon of a hostelry that knew no peer in its days.

Built of red brick at a cost of many, many thousands, you can't miss it as you coast through town for the windows reflect the light that brought in sunbeams during the day hours to traveling men, mining engineers, financiers and others while the steam radiators and brass bedsteads brought warmth and comfort at night.

Fine leather graced the seating in the lobby for those who discussed the market quotations before entering the elevator that bore them to their upstairs rooms and suites. Octagonal white tile was the flooring in the grill room and bar.

The last time she housed people was in World War II when she roomed pilots and their families who trained at the nearby airbase at Tonopah—the best figures we could obtain was: 150 soldiers, 153 wives and 53 babies. These were the figures of the court judge and he didn't elaborate on the extra three wives.

Today the hotel was padlocked but owned by the Las Vegas Investment Corp. on the assessment rolls and taxed in

real estate value for \$2,000 with improvements listed at \$14,300.

Before leaving town we talked with our friend Mrs. Frances Carlson, under-sheriff for the county and acting sheriff during the illness of pioneer sheriff Ed Kitchen and she reminded us that any writings about Goldfield should include mention that on Sept. 3, 1906 Gans and Nelson fought a 42 round, bare fisted fight in Goldfield. Gans emerged lightweight champion of the world.

Before journeying further we looked over the offerings of the Chew and Chat Cafe and among the items on the menu you might choose: hot dawgs .25; grilled T-Bone steak 2.75; delicious home made beef stew .85; or a salad like; baled hay and rock salt 2.50; under See-Food Stuff; baby blue whale stuffed with new Cadillac \$15,000.00; and a grand special of "all the steak you can eat for \$748.69, plus tax."

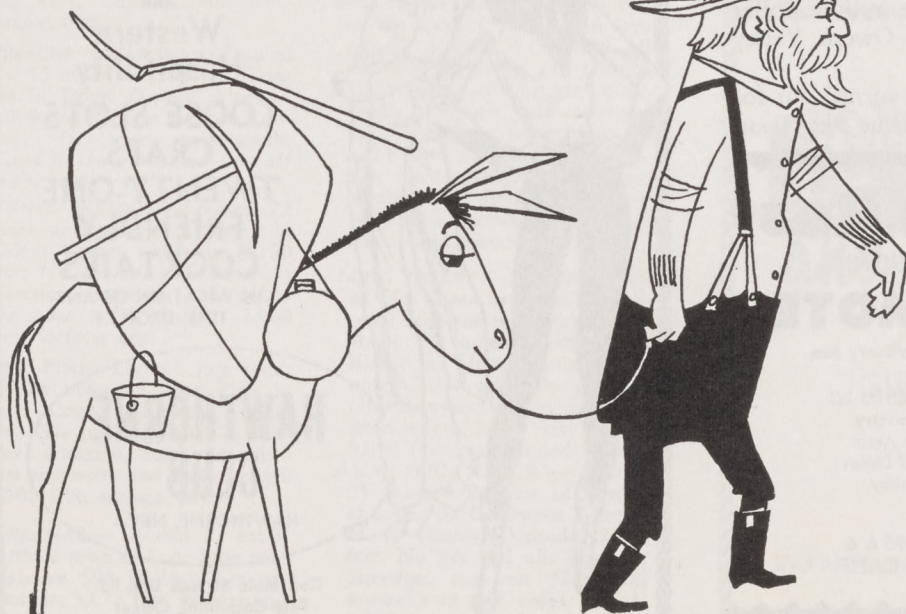
So, we took the road to Tonopah (and you don't have too many other choices).

On fine highway, 26 miles distant, lies Tonopah which is the county seat of Nye County, third largest county in the United States with an area of 18,064 square miles, topped only by San Bernardino in California and Coconino in Arizona.

This town, at an elevation of 6,000 feet, can wear with pride the title of "Queen of the Silver Camps" for "Mineral Resources of Nye County" records a production of \$147,450,848 from 8,132,685 tons through 1946. When you view those immense dumps that rise next door to Main St. and cast a shadow over her graveyard you are sure something had to be underground and her senior citizens still believe

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See the immense mine workings that made Tonopah one of the biggest silver producers of the West. Inactive at present the camp reached a peak of \$9,500,000 in 1913. The name Tonopah is taken from a Shoshone Indian word, meaning "waterbrush." The residents, numbering nearly 2,000 are proud of their heritage and noted for their hospitality.



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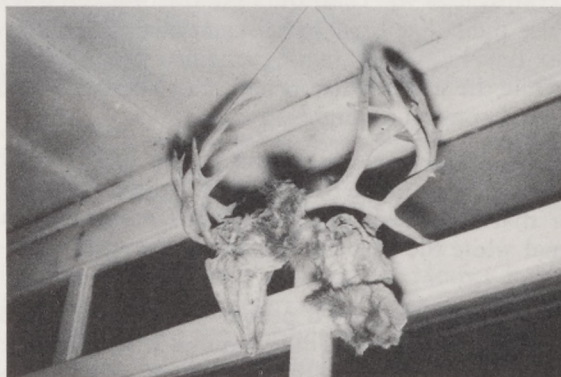
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that sometime they will grease the hoist drums again so that silver dollars can be minted.

In the meantime Tonopah will depend a great deal on the favors of the tourist and selling outfitting supplies to those who inhabit the balance of the county.

Her hotels and motels are modern and stores are well stocked. One can enjoy a fine breakfast steak and develop a bit of gambling spirit any hour in 24 and Tonopah establishments will accommodate your desire to "buck the tiger" from slot machines to crap table in one easy move.

Use your longest leg when you step from street to sidewalk for when the winter snows melted it took about 14" to curb the runoff.

From the silver camp we traveled long straight stretches of typical desert until Coaldale Junction came into view and we were to check our gas and refresh ourselves at the Inn before turning left off 95 to take 6 over the million dollar mountain road over Montgomery Pass into Owens Valley and the point of our beginning.

We were anxious to see how our photos turned out for they will supplement our memories of the Blue Sky Tour.

Upper Left—Tex Rickard's home in Goldfield. Lower Left—Tonopah's main street, where mining fortunes and "pat hands" were commonplace and U.S. 6 and 95 separate. Upper right—Mine dumps crowd the main thoroughfare and cast shadows on Tonopah's graveyard. Lower right—Many trophies and antiques are to be seen here. Pictured are locked deer horns, a fight to the death, displayed in a Tonopah garage.

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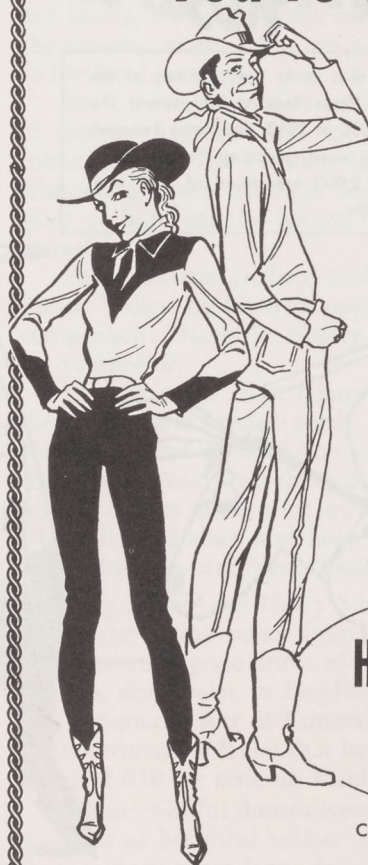
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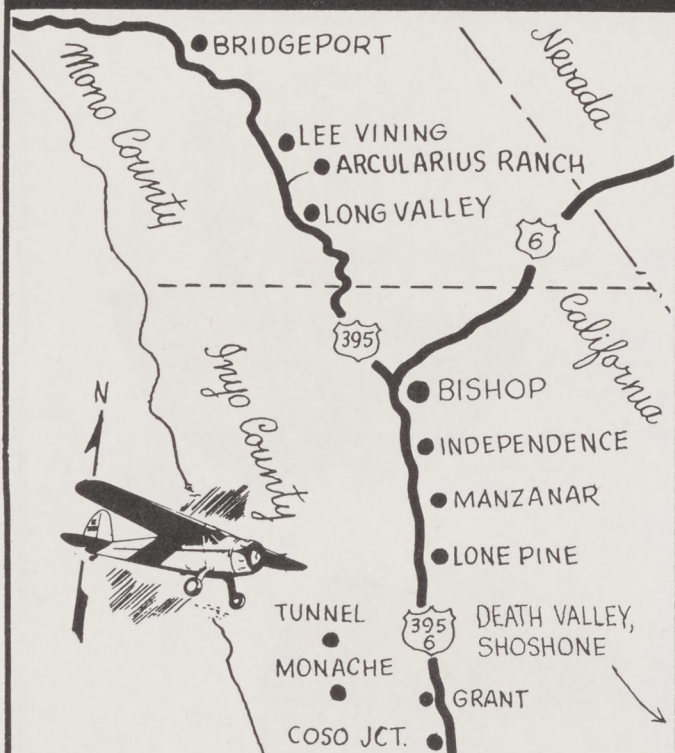


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Map of Inyo-Mono Air Strips



SHOSHONE—Can be found on the Los Angeles sectional map. Elevation is 1580 feet. One oiled runway 1244 feet long. Right hand traffic north.

DEATH VALLEY—Located at Furnace Creek at an altitude 211 feet below sea level. One asphalt runway 3500 feet long. Beacon and boundary lights on one half hour notice. Unattended. Fuel available.

COSO JUNCTION—Located at Coso Junction on Highway 395, approximately 17 miles south of Olancho in Inyo County. Altitude 3,380 feet. Runway: direction, north-south; length, 2,600 feet; surface, dirt.

GRANT—Located 2 miles south of Olancho on Highway 395. Altitude, 3,700 feet. Runway: direction, north-south, also east and west; length, 3,100 feet; surface, dirt.

MONACHE MEADOWS—Located just 15 miles southwest of Olancho in Tulare County. Altitude, 8,000 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south; (Land to the north and take off to the south only.)

TUNNEL MEADOW—Located 22 miles northwest of Olancho in Tulare County. Altitude, 9,100 feet; No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east-west (Take off to the west only); length, 2,000 feet; surface, dirt.

LONE PINE—Located just south of the town of Lone Pine in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,700 feet. Gas and oil available. Runway: direction, northwest-southeast and north and south; length 2,500 feet; surface, paved.

MANZANAR—Located 8 miles north of town of Lone Pine near Highway 395 in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,875 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-

south, also northwest-southeast; length, 5,000 feet; surface, paved.

INDEPENDENCE—Located just north of the Town of Independence in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,926 feet. Runway: landing all directions, mainly north and south. (Take off to north, with right-hand pattern.)

LEE VINING—Located 1½ miles southeast of Lee Vining. Altitude, 6,800 feet. Runway: north and south; Length, 3,500 feet. Limited services.

BRIDGEPORT—Located two blocks from north edge of town of Bridgeport in Mono County. Altitude 6,448 feet. Runway: direction north-south 3300 feet in length. Hard surface paved. Gas and oil. Unicom 122.8 MC. Tie-downs.

BISHOP—Located 2½ miles east of the city of Bishop in Inyo county. Altitude 4,118 feet. All facilities including gas (80/78 100/1300) oil, hangar space, weather reports and teletype, radio (daylight hours, Unicom 122.8 MC), landing light Unicom voice modulated. Runways: landing all directions; length 7400 feet; surface, paved. Taxi service and rental cars.

LONG VALLEY—(Sometimes called Hot Creek or Convict)—Located adjacent to Highway 395 about 25 miles northwest of Bishop in Mono County. Altitude, 7,100 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east-west, length, 5,300 feet; surface, 5,000 feet paved, oiled surface.

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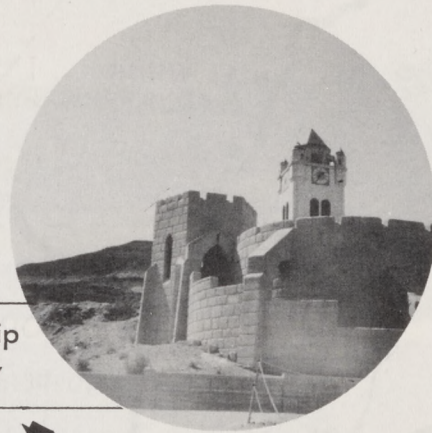
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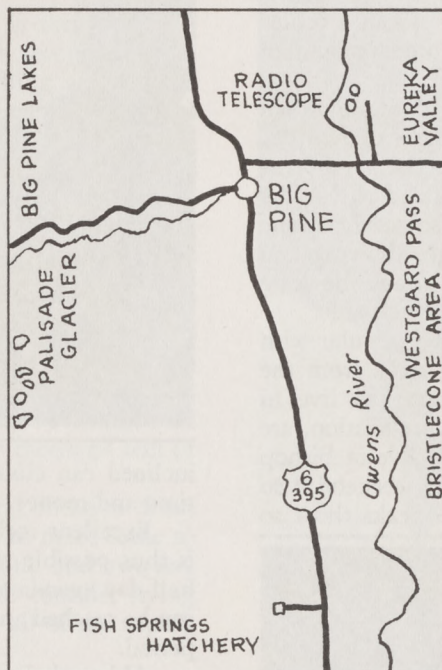
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Things to see around Big Pine



● TOP LEFT—One of the area's biggest claims to fame is the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest just off Westgard Pass. (*Forest Service Photo*)

● CENTER LEFT—Another major attraction in Inyo-Mono is the famous Palisade Glacier located a few miles west of Big Pine.



● BOTTOM LEFT—Caltech's radio observatory just north of Big Pine is world famous. The area was selected because of its remoteness.



● TOP RIGHT—For photography, arrowhead hunting, picnicking try a trip to Eureka Valley via the Westgard Pass road.

● CENTER RIGHT—Some of the finest fishing and scenery anywhere can be found in the Big Pine Lakes. (*Tom Henderson Photo*).



● BOTTOM RIGHT—On the road to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest one area contains countless archaeocyathidae, the coral-like fossil believed to be 400 million years old.

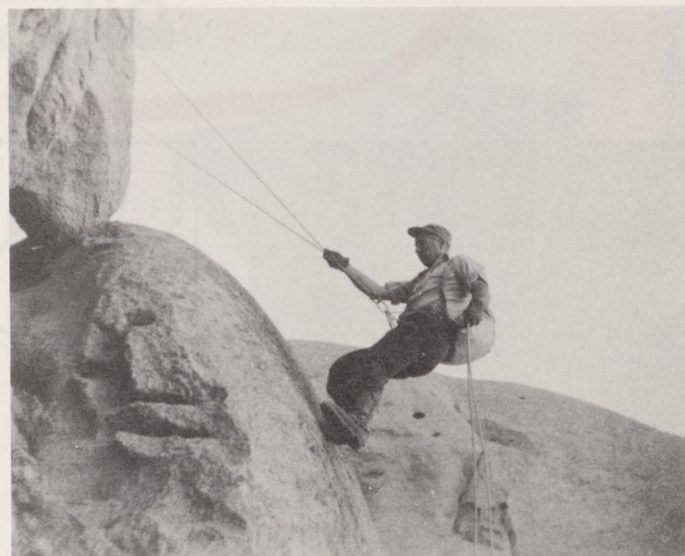
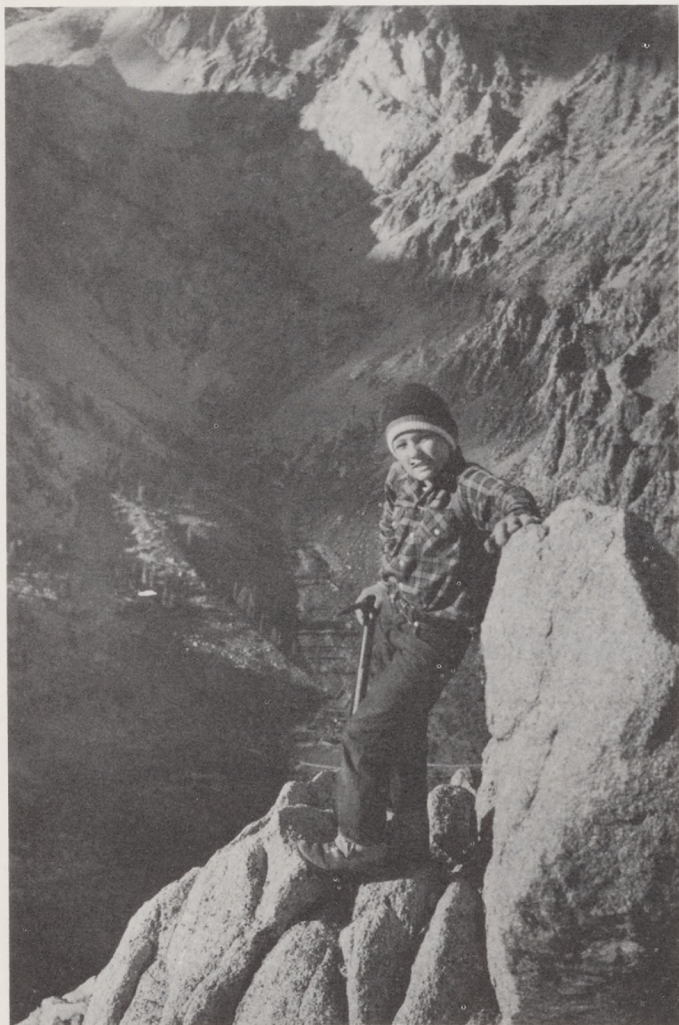
A Challenge . . . **THE EAST PEAKS**

by W. E. (Smoke) Blanchard

Bishop, for many years recognized as fishermen's headquarters for the adjacent High Sierra, and lately identified with the burgeoning skiing enterprises just up the hill, is now becoming recognized as a strategically located center and jumping-off place for enthusiasts of other mountain sports.

Mountain climbing, hiking, rock scrambling and ski touring are all available on a year-round basis due to the climate and geography of the Sierra Nevada. The great fault block which forms the mountains has a decided tilt to the east and the crest peaks are only a short distance from the Valley floor on the Bishop side of the range, allowing one to strike out directly for the high peaks without the long journeys required when approached from the west side.

Mountain sports, of course, have long been popular with the Sierra Club and others who make long treks from the cities, but few have exploited the opportunity to live in Bishop where the mountains, their source of relaxation, are practically on their doorsteps. It is possible to live in Bishop and engage in high mountain adventure every weekend if so desired. Because of the short distance to the peaks those so



inclined can climb, ski and hike with very little outlay of time and money.

Excellent rock scrambling is only 10 miles away and it is thus possible to obtain healthful exercise and sport on a half-day agenda and itinerary. Every great peak of the Sierra can be reached and climbed in, at the most, a two-day holiday period.

Although justly famous for the excellent quality of the rock for climbing, the Bishop area also provides access to some steep ice climbing in some seasons. Most non-mountaineers are aware only of the one well-advertised Palisade Glacier. This happens to be the largest in the area but there are others farther south and in the immediate vicinity, including approximately tiny but moving ice masses near the main one. Not too interesting from a sporting standpoint, the ice crevasses nevertheless are quite interesting for scientific investigations. There are just under 100 cirques in the Bishop area which either have living glaciers or ice-cored moraines in their shadows.

TOP—The author engages in the sport of "rock scrambling," an activity which he explains is available throughout the winter season without snow equipment and within a short distance of Bishop.

LEFT—Robert Blanchard, son of the author, presents a nonchalant poise for the camera on the granite rocks that mark the top of Independence Peak.

The smaller peaks east of the crest are not only easier to reach, but surprisingly are often more difficult to scale than the higher crest peaks. Mountaineers living here with the many opportunities for getting out can well afford to investigate the smaller and often more interesting mountains which may be less famous.

For the technical rock climber there are a number of peaks which should satisfy all types of climbing ambition and still take up only one day's time. The Sierra Club, for instance, has investigated one area near North Lake and have become so enthusiastic they have returned again and again and have even published a special guide book to these small peaks. There is a similar group across the canyon as

well as many other canyons whose small peaks still remain to be investigated.

Those whose ambitions require high angle rock for climbing will find some of the finest kind of climbing, comparable to that found in Yosemite Valley, in nearby Pine Creek Canyon near Scheelite and on Wheeler Wall near Wells Meadow.

Ten miles from Bishop, in the region known as Buttermilk Country and Little Egypt, are desert-type rocks which offer almost unlimited challenges in rock scrambling. And these small peaks are accessible all through the winter season without snow equipment.

Ski touring, an almost neglected sport in this area, will predictably gain more devotees when it is recognized that this area furnishes some of the most thrilling and rugged

TOP—And in the winter climber Hubert North descends Mt. Tom, Pine Creek Pass and Bear Creek Spire in the distance.

BOTTOM—Harold Klieforth, on the way up Gunsight Peak, pauses to look down at the Union Carbide Nuclear mill and mine road—Photos by the author

opportunities for exercise of the sport. All of the delights of camping in zero weather and the days of sunshine on the peaks with the thermometer reading 40 degrees can be experienced by those who tour the mountains on skis.

Both Bishop Creek Road and Pine Creek Road allow ski tourists to motor close enough to the high mountains without utilizing skis, but some of the mountains can be climbed on skis and provide exhilarating runs of several thousand feet of descent.

Many already know of Bishop's central location from which to start the many mountain trips but as more come to realize that the town's proximity allows one and two-day trips to high peaks it may well be they will consider living in this quiet and peaceful Valley and enjoy all of the superb sports readily available.





One of Inyo-Mono's chief claims to fame is the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest east of Big Pine. To make trips to the area more interesting the Forest Service has provided self guided tours. (U. S. Forest Service Photo).

The Oldest Living Things

Looking for a pleasant side trip that's out of this world and has "everything" for the entire family?

Then by all means take the Westgard Pass road just north of Big Pine and head for the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. Even if you've made the trip before you'll be amazed at the changes and improvements.

The work being conducted by the Inyo National Forest and the county of Inyo is all adding up to a tremendous bonus for the tourist, the camper, the rockhound and the entire family.

The Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest came into being in April 1958 when the US Forest Service set aside an area of 28,000 acres of public lands for the preservation of the "oldest known living things." The incredible age of the picturesque trees was determined through studies conducted by the late Dr. Edmond Schulman of the University of Arizona. Some 17 of the trees are known to be more than 4000 years old, a thousand years older than the giant redwoods. Dr. Schulman estimated that over 100 trees may eventually be found to exceed the 4000 year mark.

The road leading into the area has been improved considerably

since the establishment of the forest and now it's a fairly easy trip for any passenger car.

Hal McElroy, ranger for the White Mt. District, has some real ambitious plans for the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest and many of them are well underway.

The biggest improvement has been accomplished at the Schulman Grove just off the road at Reed Flats. Forest Service crews have levelled the area, set up parking barriers, erected signs and have erected a colorful display case which tells the story of the Bristlecone Pine Forest.

Although the Bristlecone Pine Forest is best known for its ancient trees it also has another major claim to fame. Just alongside the road leading into the forest there are countless pieces of rock containing the archaeocyathidae, the coral like fossils estimated to be 400 million years old. The Forest Service is planning to set aside an area here just for the rockhound.

The long range picture for the Bristlecone Pine Forest calls for the development of the area for the enjoyment of the entire family, and judging from the work that has been accomplished so far, it should be tremendously successful.

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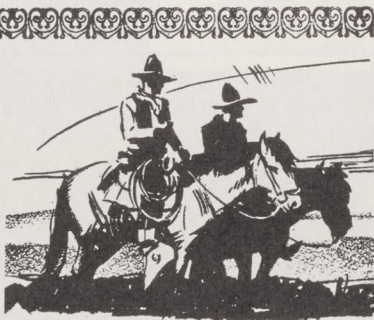
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The Forest Service Lends A Hand For Your Vacation Enjoyment

by Joseph T. Radel

(Forest Supervisor, Inyo Nat'l. Forest)

Would you like to visit and photograph a grove of Bristlecone Pine trees which were 1500 years old when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt? Or follow a trail over a permanent snowpack at the bottom of a fissure more than 50 feet below the earth's surface? Perhaps you would enjoy listening to a Forest naturalist bring the past alive at the site of a mining town over 80 years old. Attendance at an evening film show and slide talk might prove a relaxing end to an active summer day.

A visit to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the White Mountains, the Mammoth Earthquake Fault self-guiding trail, the Mammoth City "Ghost Town" historical talk, and the numerous evening interpretive shows are representative of the diversified visitor programs being presented by the Inyo National Forest.

The National Forests which are administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Services are known as America's Playgrounds. Our own National Forest is one of the top recreation National Forests in the United States. It is heavily used by fishermen, campers, hunters, skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

This beautiful National Forest of many contrasts was therefore a logical choice for a full-time Visitor Information Program which was first set up in 1961. Under the direction of District Ranger Murphy, various guided and self-guided

tours were established and numerous evening programs in the Mammoth Lakes and Red's Meadow areas were set up the first summer. During the winter film shows and ski tours were also offered from the Mammoth Ranger Station.

The Inyo National Forest's interpretive program is young, but shows great potential. During the 1962 summer season approximately 8,000 visitors attended the guided tours and slide programs offered by the Forest Naturalists. An estimated 30,000 people took the self-guided trails. Future plans call for improvement and expansion of interpretive facilities. This will include the construction of a Visitor Center with central displays, overlooks of scenic and historic vistas and a museum type display in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest.

The goal of the Visitor Information Program on the Inyo National Forest is to better interpret the local area for the vacationing public. The natural and human history of the region is explained during trips to points of unique interest, during which visitors are urged to use their outdoor recreation facilities wisely, and Forest Service management of National Forest resources is explained.

Where are these unique areas where self-guiding trails have been established?

Some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the United States unfolds before the people walking along the Minaret Vista nature trail. Young and old alike enjoy the self-guided trail which takes them into the bottom of the



The self guided tour, introduced by the Inyo National Forest at Mammoth Lakes and in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest is proving more and more popular. This handsome sign leads the way to a major tourist attraction.

Mammoth Earthquake Fault, a recent geological feature resulting from stresses connected with the rise of the Sierra Nevada. A pleasant forest trail with interpretive signing leads people to the rim of the Inyo Craters. These craters are volcanic blast pits resulting from violent gas explosions. People following the trail to Sotcher Lake from Red's Meadow walk by small signs identifying the local trees and plants.

Interpretive signing will be improved and expanded to include unique areas such as Hot Creek, where people may bathe summer and winter in the temperate waters.

Although the self-guided trails are open from snowmelt to snowfall, the conducted trips are offered only during the summer months.

The mysteries of the Forest are unraveled to participants on the Panorama Dome general nature tour. Identification of common plants and animals is carried out. Natural features are explained. Remains from the early mining days are seen and give rise to many questions. Who lived in this solitary cabin and what did he do? How long did it take to build the impressive covered flume which once carried water from Twin Lakes to drive the stamp mill at Mill City? Let the Forest Naturalist acquaint you with the man-made and natural features of the Forest on the Panorama Dome tour.

Between 1877 and 1881 Mammoth City was a boom mining camp. Up to 2,500 people lived in and around Mammoth City during its peak. Today only a few collapsed log cabins and sunken foundations bear testimony to the bustling activity that occurred there over 80 years ago. Forest Service personnel explain the mining history of Mammoth City, what brought the town to its boom and subsequent



Ranger Hal McElroy of the White Mt. District demonstrates one of the flip top display cases, one of many along the self guided tour in the Bristlecone Pine Forest, which mark the outstanding attractions of the area.

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collapse. Any person interested in early mining lore will find this trip of particular interest.

The "Living Forest" tour takes people out on the ground to see how National Forest resources are managed by the U. S. Forest Service. Timber, watershed, wildlife, range land, and recreation areas are visited by automobile. Beaver work and signs of early Indian activity are also seen. The trip concludes on Bald Mountain where the Forest Service Lookout tower may be visited. Take advantage of this pleasant afternoon outing during the summer months.

Archaeological work was recently carried out at the Mammoth Creek Indian Caves. The conducted trips to the caves site have proved to be extremely popular. The Indian lore is discussed, with emphasis being placed on the ability of the early Paiute to live off the inhospitable desert lands. Archaeological principles and the results of the excavation are thoroughly discussed. People are educated to proper artifact collection procedures so their surface finds in other areas will be properly labeled. The loss of scientific values resulting from "pothunting" or digging below the surface is emphasized.

No account of the Inyo National Forest and its interpretive service program would be complete without mentioning the Bristlecone Pines, the oldest known living things. Some of these trees were found to be 4600 years old and thus antedate the giant Sequoias by at least 1500 years. These oldest of living things are located in the White Mountains of the Inyo National Forest just east of Bishop.

The Forest Service was quick to recognize the scientific value and the unique public attraction of this Ancient grove of trees—thus in 1958 the Chief of the Forest Service set aside 28,000 acres as a botanical area named the "Ancient

Bristlecone Pine Forest." This part of the Inyo National Forest is administered for "scientific study and public enjoyment." District Ranger McElroy and his staff are rapidly developing the area with roads, trails and interpretive services including displays and guided and self-guided tours so as to make the trip into the "Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest" a memorable and meaningful experience for visitors.

Something for everyone can be found in the varied interpretive programs offered by the Inyo National Forest. Make these programs a "must" on your vacation agenda. Additional information may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Forest Service at Bishop, California.



● The self guided tour started by the Inyo National Forest Service at Mammoth and more recently in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest has proved an outstanding success. Here is a group of the younger set making a self guided tour in the Minaret area. (U.S. Forest Service Photo).

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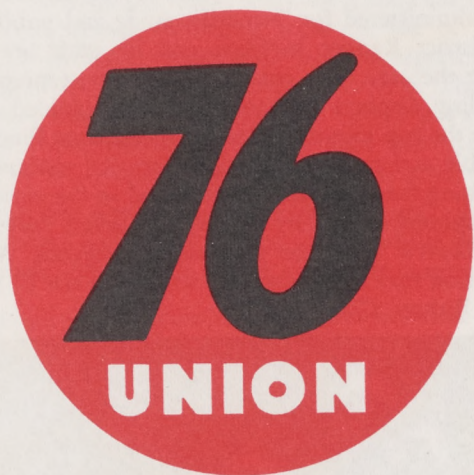
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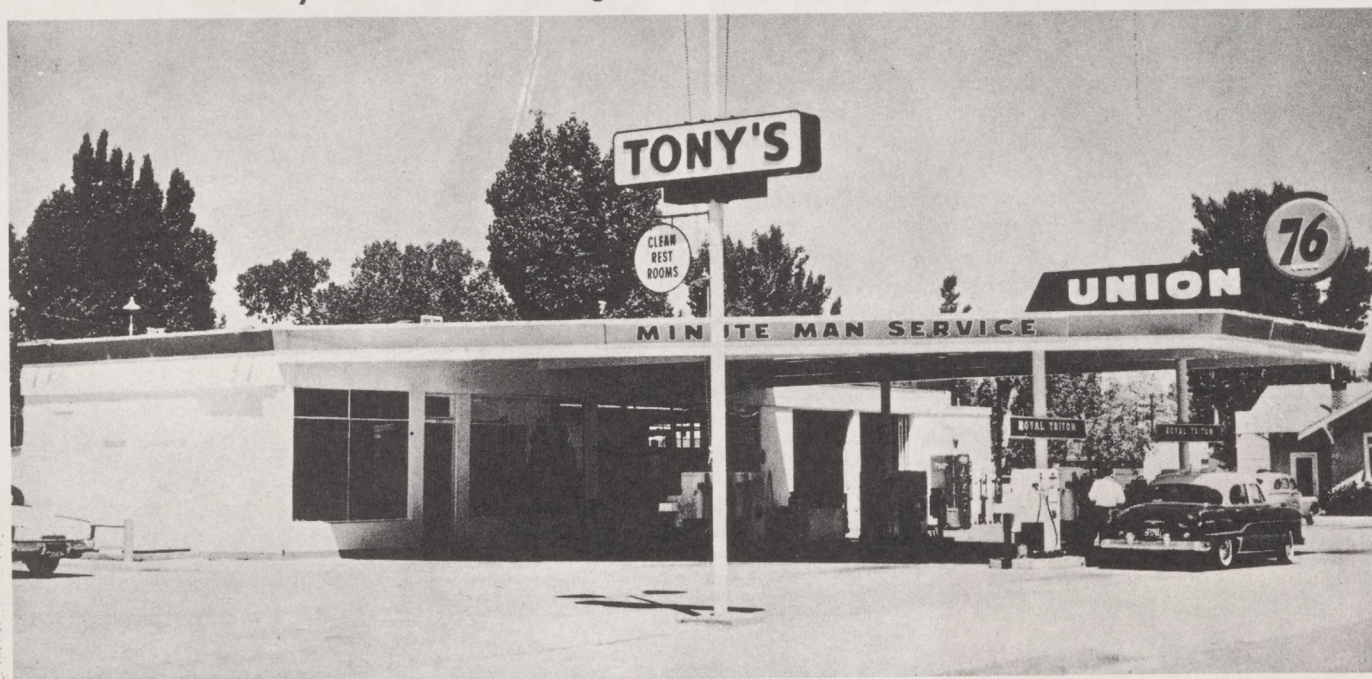




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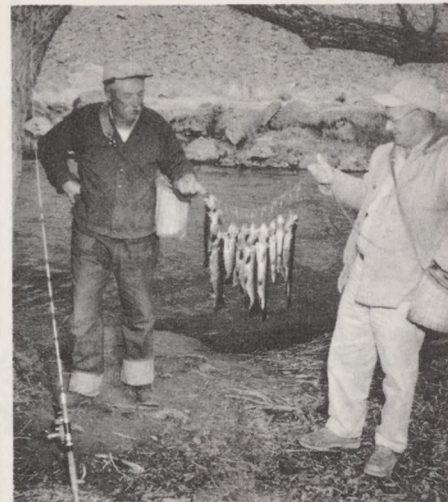
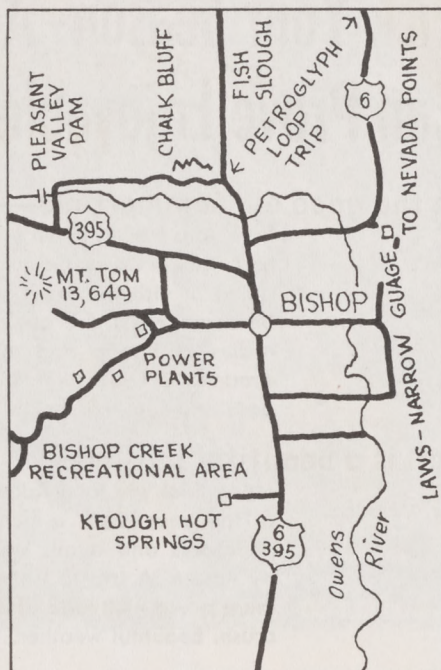
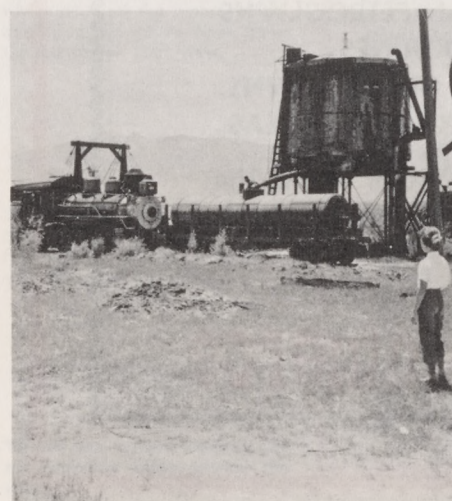


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● TOP LEFT—One of the area's biggest celebrations each year is the Tri-County (Inyo, Mono, Alpine) fair held at Bishop.

● CENTER LEFT—One of the most popular spots for the whole family during the summer is the new swimming pool at the city park.

● BOTTOM LEFT—Take the family out to Laws, a few miles northeast of Bishop and see the Slim Princess and the famous Laws depot.

● TOP RIGHT—The Owens River from Pleasant Valley Dam to the intake is open year around to fishing. Limit during winter is 5.

● CENTER RIGHT—Take the family on the famous "loop" trip north of Bishop and see the mysterious petroglyphs. Just follow the signs.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—One of the favorite fishing and camping spots in the Bishop Creek area is South Lake. (Tom Henderson Photo).

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See & Picture the Petroglyphs



A very popular Inyo-Mono feature trip is a visit to the Indian Petroglyphs, which are situated north of Bishop and can be visited nearly anytime of the year.

The Loop Trip, which takes in the main sites in the area, comprises a total distance of 50 miles and may be made easily in a morning or afternoon visit.

To the uninitiated, petroglyphs can best be described as carvings on rocks made by some ancient peoples at a time unknown, for anthropologists and ethnologists, after extensive studies, are still unable to come up with concrete answers as to what the chiseled designs mean, or the period in which they were made, or as to their authors.

Present Indian inhabitants of the area can supply no knowledge to unravel the mystery and a conclusion quite generally accepted is that they were generally of interest only to the persons who made them and the knowledge died with these persons.

The trip is made over improved dirt road but it is advisable to stay on hard packed surface as sand can prove troublesome off the roadbed. The sights are well marked.

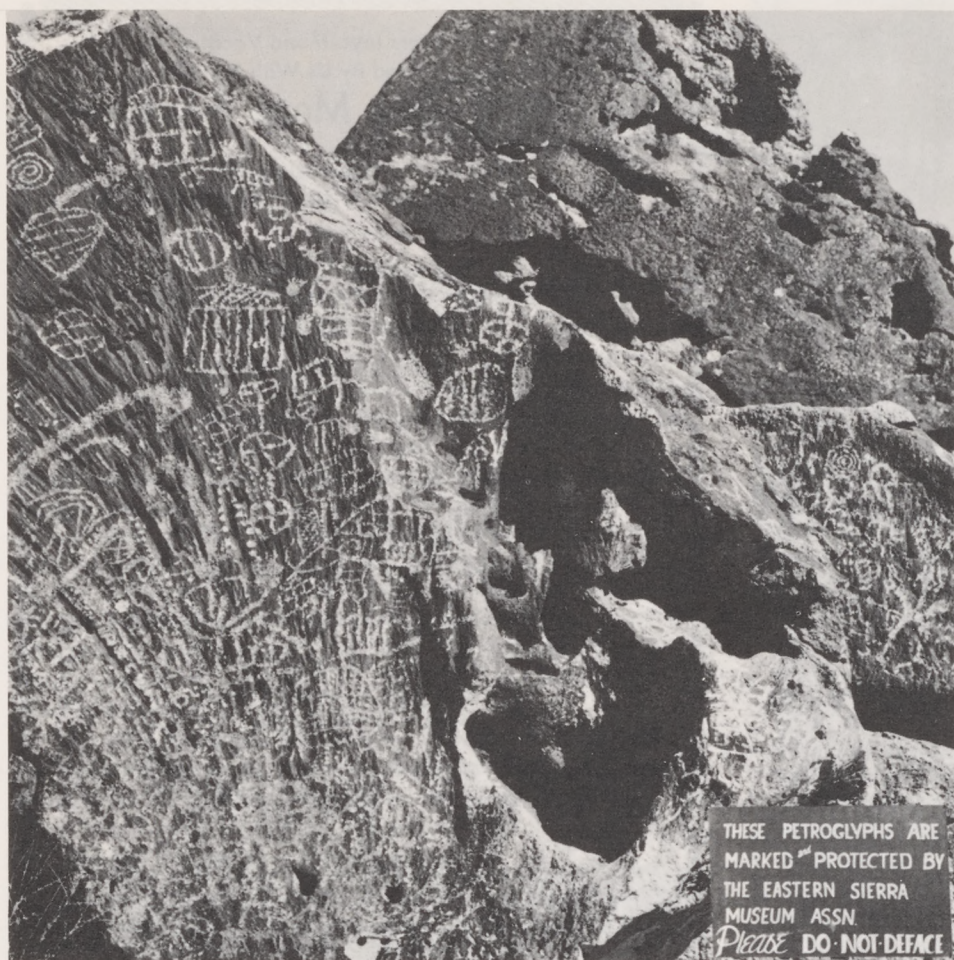
Family groups will enjoy the sights and by all means take the youngsters.

Cold winds in mid-winter and heat in mid-summer in the middle of the day may detract from your enjoyment but anytime in the long spring or fall seasons, or in the evenings does not present any problem.

All five sites present interesting subjects for picture taking with the sunlight being best on the Chalfant Valley group in the morning and on the other groups in the afternoon. Flash attachments can be an aid.

For your comfort heavy footwear is best and clothing to resist some of the thorn vegetation should be worn. Watch your step in climbing over the rocks and a thermos or canteen of drinking water should be carried. Many enjoy carrying a picnic basket.

Your trip will afford another treat in an unobstructed view of the White Mountains in the east and the giant Sierra Nevada range piercing the sky with 14,000 foot peaks to the west.

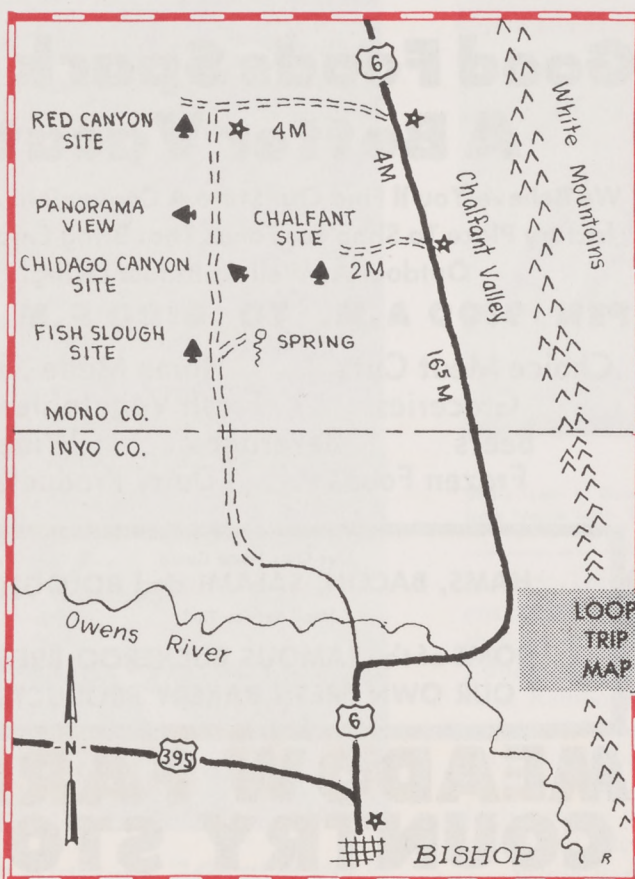


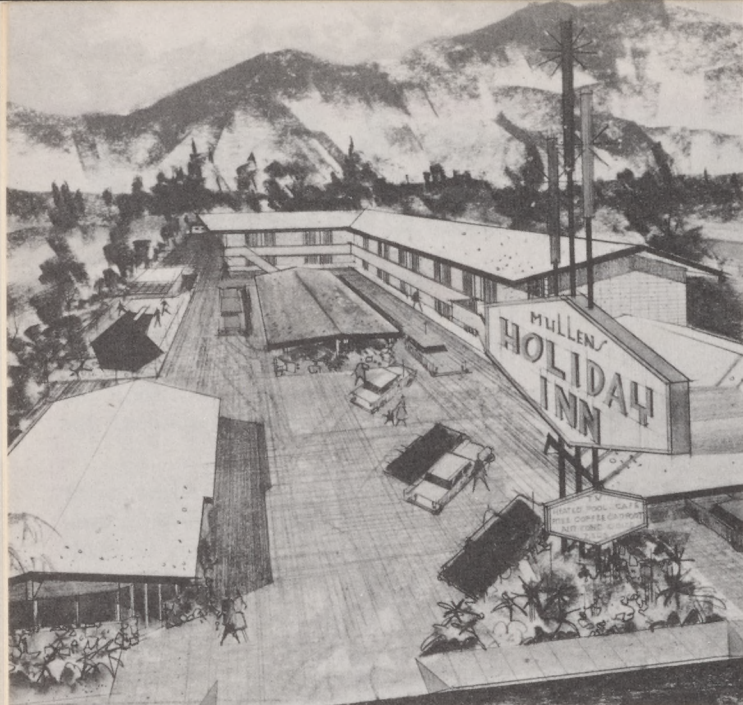
Pictured above is the "bulletin board" or "newspaper rock" which is one of the main displays at the Chidago Canyon stop. It is only one of the many carved rocks on the Loop Trip but is widely pictured because of the great number of designs in the exhibit—Photo by Curtis Phillips.

You will enjoy a stop at Panorama View (marked on map), where many of the highest peaks bordering the valley have been sighted in for your view.

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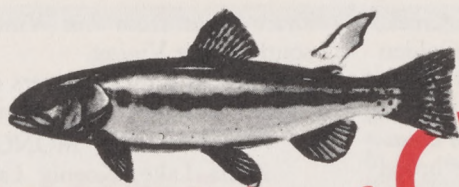
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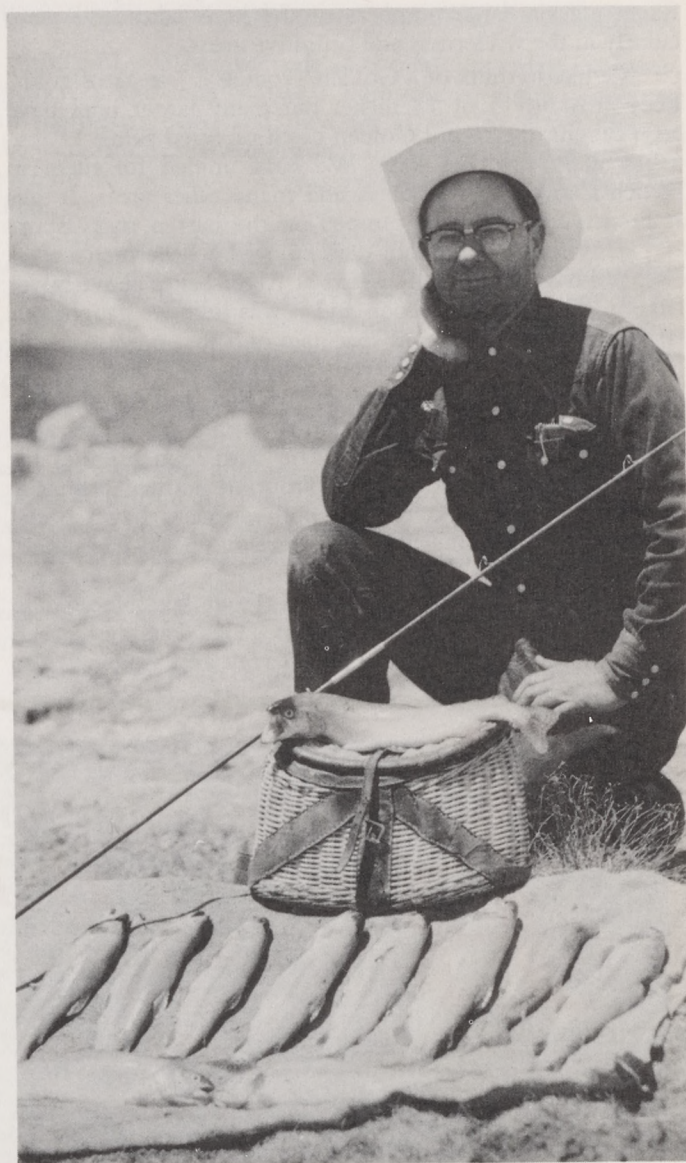
It is appropriate that the state fish of California is the Golden Trout, native to the waters of the Golden State.

Our first catch and first look at a Golden Trout will live forever in our memory. We had cast a lure into Moat Lake in the Virginia Lakes area and had a strike with such suddenness and velocity, the rod was almost jerked from our hands. Up from the dark depths of the blue water came a vivid flash of gold and red, followed by a tremendous leap into the sunlight of a summer afternoon. Soon a Golden Trout lay at our feet on shore, its gills opening and closing in futile efforts to get water. It seemed a pity to snare this beautifully exotic creature, a large golden weighing about three pounds, just the first of many that we have caught in the lakes of the Eastern High Sierra.

Golden Trout are the "jewels" of the trout family. Shades of deep yellow and rose red predominate on the lower sides and belly. The sides of the head are bright red as are the fins which have a white tip, sometimes with a narrow border



The author with small rubber boat on French Lake, 12,400 feet elevation, the highest she has ever camped or fished during many years in the High Sierras.



Blake Jones of Bishop poses with a limit of uniform golden trout he has taken from French Lake. Photos from the author's collection.

of black. This trout retains its markings into adult life. Golden could never be mistaken for other trout but of late years they are becoming mixed with Rainbows which is a pity. In fishing lakes that once contained Golden and later planted with Rainbows, the latter now predominate and in many instances are half Rainbow and half Golden and the golden color which made the Golden Trout a "gem" is almost gone. Golden Trout are present in many streams and lakes in the high country of California, mostly found at 8500 feet and above and a few are known at 6300 feet.

While it is thought by anglers that the first Golden were native to Cottonwood Creek in the Mt. Whitney area,

these were transported there in 1876 from Mulkey Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of the Kern River. Golden trout do not breed satisfactorily in captivity at the fish hatcheries. For this reason the Department of Fish and Game has set aside the Cottonwood and Laurel lakes in the high country for the rearing of these glamorous fish. Here the brood fish are trapped and the female is stripped of her roe while the male is stripped of his milt. The accumulated eggs are then taken to the hatcheries for hatching and planted as fingerlings in large numbers in the high lakes and particularly in the wilderness and primitive areas.

We like to think of a Golden Trout as a "streak of gold." They grow to 15 or 18 inches but many larger ones have been caught, the record Golden catch reported being 11 lbs., 4 ozs. and 34 inches long. We have angled for them in French Canyon, Alger Lakes and many other areas. It was at French Lake that we camped on the barren rocky shore at 11,259 feet and for four days enjoyed a fishermen's paradise. We have spent many weeks at Alger Lakes above Silver Lake in the June Lake Loop and it was here we caught our largest Golden, a beautiful specimen of 5 lbs., 6 ozs.

Many of the Golden Trout streams and lakes may be reached in a matter of an hour or two hike, but the majority are many miles in the back country with a pack trip with horses advisable or a back-pack trip with food supplies for several days or a week. Golden Trout are located primarily in National Parks and Forests. Both agencies have special regulations concerning fishing, camping, pack trips, pets, and hunting.

There are a number of Golden Trout lakes located in the Saddlebag area which is west of Tioga Pass at the end of a 2½-mile country road. Gibbs Creek and Lake are also

short hikes from Lee Vining Creek and Horse Meadows south of Lee Vining.

Here is a list of waters in or adjacent to Inyo and Mono known or reported to contain Golden Trout:

MONO COUNTY

Anna Lake, Koenig Lake, Latopie Lake, Tower Lake, Tamarack Lake, Excelsior Lake, Towser Lake, Shamrock Lake, Potter Lake, Cascade Lake, Odell Lake, Helen Lake, 3 Conness Lakes, Gibbs Creek, Gibbs Lake, Kidney Lake.

Alger Lakes, Bighorn Lake, Edith Lake, Cloverleaf Lake, Flag Lake, Little McGee Lake, Stanford Lake.

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FRESNO COUNTY

Glen Lake, Glenette Lake, Ram Lake, Hoof Lake, Horn Lake, Franklin Lake No. 3, Virginia Lake, Izaak Walton Lake, Cotton Lake, Tully Lake, Upper Hopkins Lake, Pioneer Lake No. 6.

Snow Lakes 1 and 2, Golden Lake, Honeymoon Lake, Knob Lake, Lobe Lake, Lovejoy Lake, Paine Lake, Golden Trout Lakes, Desolation Lakes, Wahoo Lakes No. 2, Muriel Lake, Lost Lakes Hidden Lakes, Humphrey's Lakes, All French Canyon Lakes, Royce Lakes 1-5.

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Diary of a Pack Trip

Packing into the backcountry is an experience replete with thrills and enjoyment that is hard to relate in retrospect. The excitement of preparations and the arranging of time schedules are all a part of the actual trip, building up in expectancy until one morning you are there to help in the preparations, and then, finally, the start of the trek into the mountains. One way to further your enjoyment in the pack trip is to keep a daily diary as did one of the participants in a pack trip last summer. Here, for your enjoyment, is a recounting of a never-to-be-forgotten excursion by pack train into the backcountry.—Editor.

June 10—Quite an evening! After sumptuous food, the Clarks projected color slides of their last summer's pack trip into the Sierras. Chuck and I were so enthusiastic that John and Janie invited us to join them and their son, Dan, on their upcoming trip. Sounds wonderful!

June 11—Talked to Janie on the phone about more details of the trip. They have reservations for the three of them for a traveling trip—the stock and packer will stay with them the entire trip. Janie assures me that they are veteran packers and that they have all the basic camping equipment. They also will plan and buy the food. We can bring our own sleeping bags or use their married children's bags. Plan to meet at their house tonight.

June 12—It's settled. The Clarks phoned and the pack outfit can take us too. Wheel!!

July 19—Pleasant trip to the Sierras. Everyone excited about our departure tomorrow.

July 20—So much happened today—where to start? My constant traveling companion for the next 10 days will be a buckskin horse, Tiger. I really caused much hilarity as I mounted on the wrong side!

Much activity at the pack station—horses being brushed and saddled . . . Our mounds of gear divided into balanced

July 21—When we rode into camp yesterday, everyone pitched in and soon the tents were erected, dinner cooking, air mattresses filled and then we all settled down around the campfire to relax and watch the smoke drift up into the evening sky. Of us all, 10 year old Dan Clark seems the least tired.

Later—Jiggs saddled up the horses and we rode to see and fish Alta and Trapper Lakes. On the trail we met the Gunters with their two teenage daughters and they have invited us to come to their campfire tonight after dinner. Jiggs tells us she will serve her specialty—hot cinnamon rolls done in the reflector oven.

July 22—Morning—Spent a pleasant couple of hours visiting with the Gunters last night. Turns out that they have spot packed into the backcountry for five different years, often bringing friends of the girls. They enthusiastically told of their favorite spots to fish and how to fish them, the beautiful spots they thought we should visit.

Today we all decided to stay in camp—some to read, some to fish and Janie pulled out her paints and is well along on her painting of the peaks.

July 23—Always is interesting to watch the horses and mules come dashing into camp in the mornings. They look



Palisade Glacier, southernmost glacier in the U. S. forms the backdrop for one of the many Sierra lakes in the Big Pine canyon high country. U. S. Forest Service photo.

loads to be tied on the mules . . . Jiggs, our packer, quietly and efficiently readying us . . . Pleasant group of four fellows from the San Francisco area left their dunnage to be packed in while they hiked to Snow Lake.

This first day was all Chuck and I expected . . . and more! Sky such an improbable blue, and water—it's everywhere—tricklets from springs, streams, lakes and we also saw waterfalls.

Am sleepy, will write more tomorrow.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Threatt of Highland, near San Bernardino, are all set to fry trout in the High Sierra. The Threatts furnish photos for the Outdoor Guide.

so wild and free . . . you expect them to continue out of sight. Instead they stop near a tree or graze while Jiggs ties them up, feeds and grooms them. We are moving to another campsite today.

July 24—We all gathered around to watch Jiggs tack on a mule shoe. As he worked he reminisced about his packing experiences. Loved the one about the lawyer from back East

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Lloyd Martin, left and Dick Soeten, of San Fernando Valley, proudly display their catches of trout while spending a relaxing vacation at Habegger's Ranch on the south fork of Bishop Creek last summer. With them (left to right) are Kathy Martin, Denise Johnson, and Diane Johnson, all of San Fernando Valley.

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who, after being taught how to clean his fish, was found washing them with boiling hot water!

And the one about the woman who dropped her hat while riding up the trail and after dismounting was having trouble getting up again. Since her husband was near-by, Jiggs suggested that he hold her horse for her while she mounted. The husband followed instructions and held the horse—by the tail!

Janie stayed in camp to paint but the rest of us went riding to explore new country. Met a couple from San Diego who were back packing along a section of the John Muir Trail. We all have been amused at the way the mule string reacts to the back packers. They eye back packers askance—perhaps they feel the back packers are considering impinging on *their* packing rights!

Do hope our color slides turn out well. Though my memories should suffice. Memories of—the jingle of the horse bells . . . that wonderful feeling riding down the trail early in the morning when the air is so fresh and fragrant . . . the monkey flowers nodding at us as we cross the streams . . . the sound of the streams—each with its own cadence.

July 25—All decided that we wanted to hike today, so packed our lunches and headed up stream (too rocky for my Tiger). It is obvious that young Dan knows how to travel in these mountains . . . what memories he will have!

What a wonderful sunfilled day—the view from the top . . . peaks marching off into the distance . . . country so vast that it is hard to realize that this is all really wilderness—and we are glad that it is!

July 26—Have decided to move one more time and headquarter there until we pack out. When we stopped for lunch another pack train came by and stopped to visit with us. The Threatt family are traveling with their packer and cook on their all expense trip, are also experiencing their first traveling trip. Chuck and I enjoyed exchanging our impressions with the Threatts and we all agreed—we love it!

July 27—Beautiful billowing clouds today—everyone busy taking pictures . . . except me. I spent most of the day lying on the bank of the lake watching the clouds—and occasionally remembering to put my bait in the water.

July 28—Found a snow pond for bathing—fellows thought it fine but us gals thought it almost too invigorating. Fun though, with everyone ducking everyone else.

Everyone has gone to bed and the fire is dying down—but I hate to go to sleep for tomorrow we head out to civilization. Time has passed too quickly. Chuck and I were talking today, it is the small things that delight us . . . individual flowers, the small animals who watch us curiously, the silence, the companionship with the Clark family, the wonderful feeling of self-sufficiency.

July 29—Writing in the car on the way home. On the trip out the sound of the horses hooves seemed more pronounced, the sky bluer than usual, flowers more profuse and our enjoyment of the scenery more acute.

Must remind Chuck to take our film in tomorrow—can't wait to see *our* slides!

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A brief pause as the group views ahead the trail which will take them over Mono Pass to camp the packer has established. (Steve Lukacik Photo).

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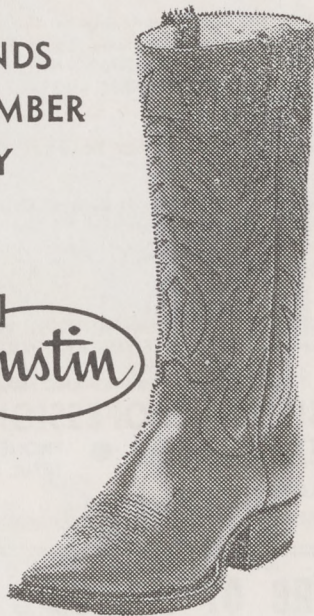
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The Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest came into being in April 1958 when the US Forest Service set aside an area of 28,000 acres of public lands for the preservation of the "oldest known living things." The incredible age of the picturesque trees was determined through studies conducted by the late Dr. Edmond Schulman of the University of Arizona. Some 17 of the trees are known to be more than 4000 years old, a thousand years older than the giant redwoods. Dr. Schulman estimated that over 100 trees may eventually be found to exceed the 4000 year mark.

The road leading into the area has been improved considerably

since the establishment of the forest and now it's a fairly easy trip for any passenger car.

Hal McElroy, ranger for the White Mt. District, has some real ambitious plans for the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest and many of them are well underway.

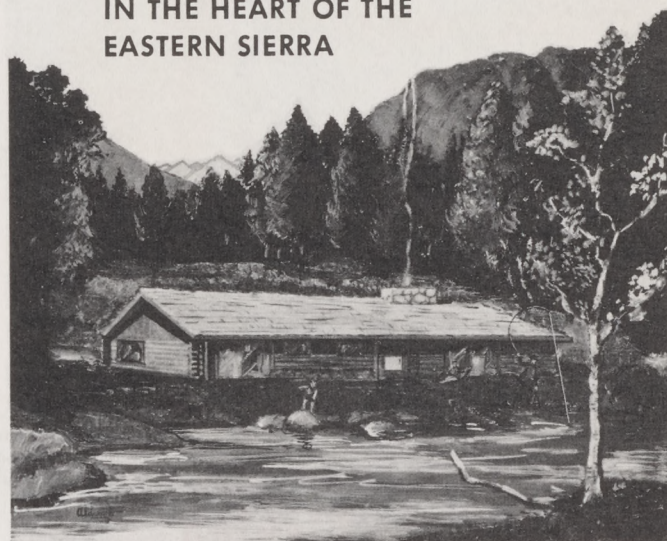
The biggest improvement has been accomplished at the Schulman Grove just off the road at Reed Flats. Forest Service crews have levelled the area, set up parking barriers, erected signs and have erected a colorful display case which tells the story of the Bristlecone Pine Forest.

Although the Bristlecone Pine Forest is best known for its ancient trees it also has another major claim to fame. Just alongside the road leading into the forest there are countless pieces of rock containing the archaeocyathidae, the coral like fossils estimated to be 400 million years old. The Forest Service is planning to set aside an area here just for the rockhound.

The long range picture for the Bristlecone Pine Forest calls for the development of the area for the enjoyment of the entire family, and judging from the work that has been accomplished so far, it should be tremendously successful.

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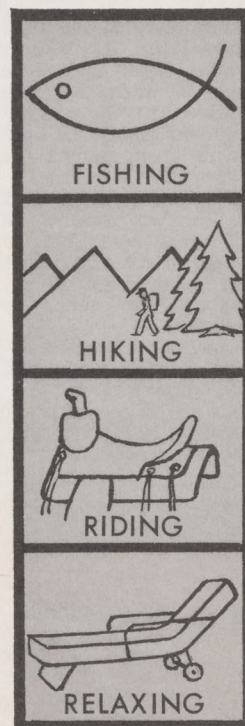


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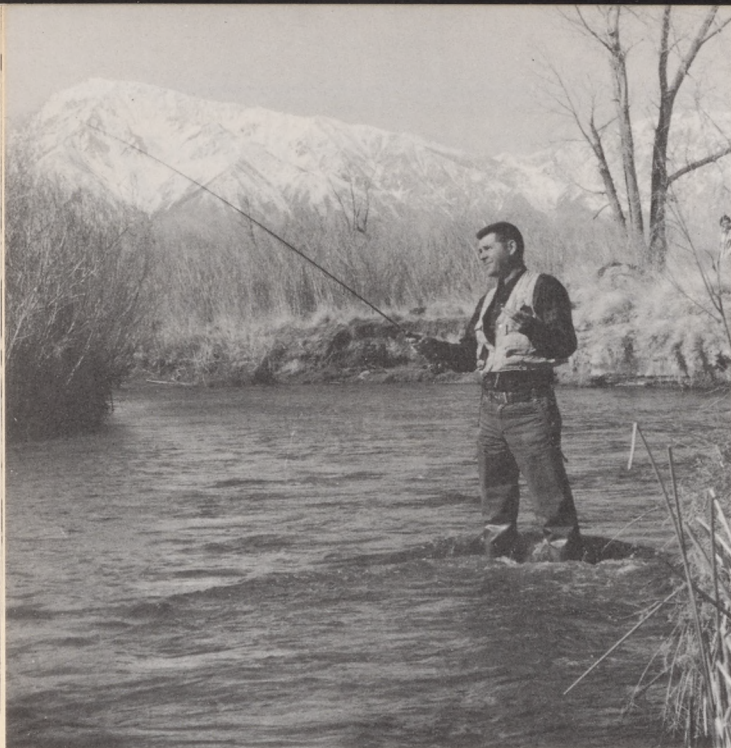
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Enjoy Winter Fishing

One of the favorite year around sports in Owens Valley is fishing in the Owens River, and considering the number and size of the fish taken each year, it's small wonder.

According to the Dept. of Fish and Game the fishery of the Owens River is unique in that various warmwater species, in addition to German Brown and Rainbow trout, are taken. Don't worry about finding a stretch of water that's relatively free of competition, either, as the section of the river open to year around fishing is more than 100 miles in length. It extends from the Pleasant Valley Dam on the north to the aqueduct near Aberdeen to the south.

German Brown and Rainbow trout provide the bulk of the fishery, according to the Dept. of Fish and Game, although don't be surprised if you happen to latch onto a largemouth or smallmouth

bass, bluegill, channel catfish, or an occasional carp.

Brown bullheads have been planted below Bishop in the river and are now fairly good size. The department has also made experimental plants of smallmouth bass and channel catfish in the hope that these species will thrive in the southern portion of the river.

Pleasant Valley Dam, built in 1954, blocked off Rock and Pine Creeks which were used by spawning brown trout. To eliminate the problems the LA Dept. of Water and Power constructed an artificial spawning channel below the dam and apparently it is proving successful, according to checks made by the Dept. of Fish and Game.

Fish Slough also provides good angling for largemouth bass and Brown bullheads, according to Fish and Game, thanks mainly to the warm (65 degree) water supplied by springs.

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Mammoth, Old Benton, the old Lundy mine and other places. Bridgeport itself is an historic old town and the courthouse (pictured above) built in 1880, is one of the reminders of the early days. We invite you to stop in and look it over.

Mono county is well equipped to take care of all your needs. There are excellent motels and hotels, good resorts near fishing and hunting areas, new chairlifts for skiers on Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain. There is a variety of stores, service stations, garages, restaurants, and other essential businesses. They invite your patronage.

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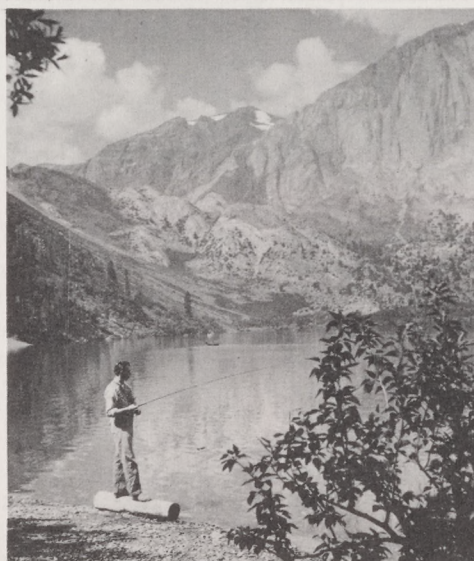
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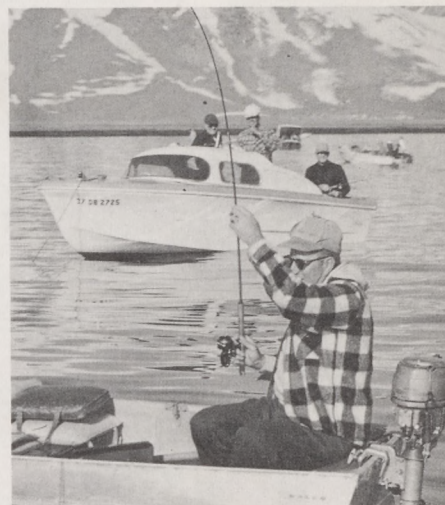
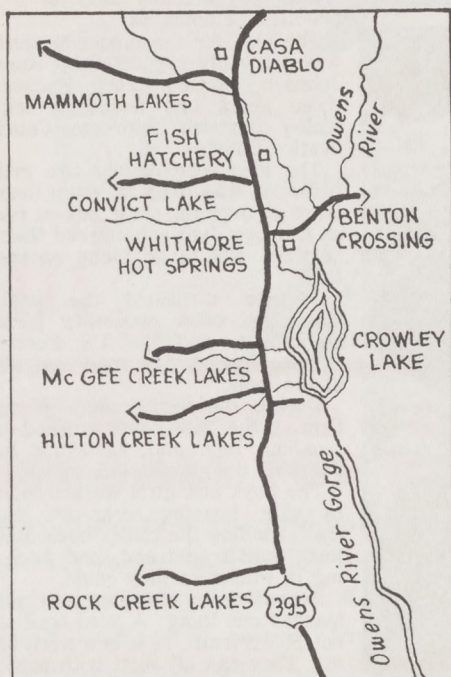
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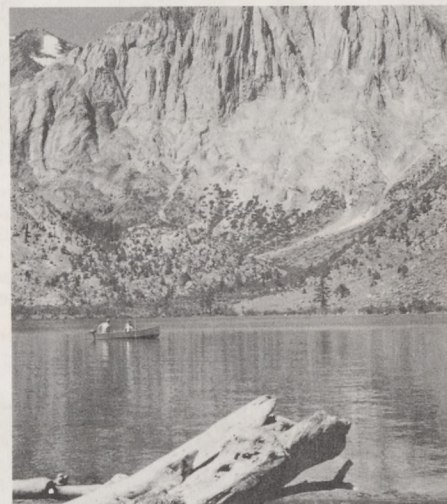
Things to see around Long Valley



● TOP LEFT—Benton Crossing, part of Owens River above Lake Crowley, is a popular fishing spot. (Tom Henderson Photo).

● CENTER LEFT—One of the biggest producers of trout in Inyo-Mono is the trout hatchery at Hot Creek. It is being remodeled.

● BOTTOM LEFT—This campground at Rock Creek is typical of many such units in Inyo-Mono, becoming more and more popular.



● TOP RIGHT—Lake Crowley is considered one of the finest fisheries in the country. More than 10,000 were on hand for the 1962 opener.

● CENTER RIGHT—New campgrounds and other improvements are making Convict Lake one of the top recreation spots of the area.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—The swimming pool at Whitmore Springs, open during the summer months, is popular with the tourists and locals.



Sierra Club Finds a New Project

Members of the famous Sierra Club, ardent devotees of the High Sierra and the backcountry started a project this past summer in the Big McGee Lake area which may eventually become as valuable as their well publicized anti-garbage crusade.

It's cleaning and building trails.

Twenty-two of them, boys and girls of high school and college age, dove into the project with a vengeance and before the week-long "vacation" was over they had completely cleaned 3½ miles of trail and had built 1100 feet of brand new trail.

And they actually paid for the privilege of doing so.

The idea for the unique project was originally suggested by Russ Johnson, McGee Creek Packer, three years ago during a trip which included Supreme Court Justice Douglas.

The idea soon caught fire and before it was over 22 youngsters from all over the state, one as far as Chicago, had volunteered their services just to go along on the trip.

Johnson furnished the pack stock and other necessary pack equipment, and the US Forest Service furnished a man and all of the tools.

During the period Aug. 26 to Sept. 2 the youngsters worked a five-hour day, and, according to Johnson, did an outstanding job.

The boys and girls worked side by side, heaving rocks off the trail, running the mules back and forth with trail tread, and pitching in whenever they could.

According to Johnson they all learned one thing: A good trail is not just a trail . . . it is a work of art. They can all point with pride to one they know about personally . . . the one in the Big McGee area.

The improvement they made in the area, Johnson said, actually cuts off 20 minutes time from Big McGee to the top of the pass, a distance of three miles.

Leader of the group of 22 was Rick Polsdorfer, a Harvard medical student and chaperone was Dr. Elmar Weden of San Anselmo.

Actually, it wasn't all work. They had roughly half a day free to fish, hike, to enjoy the spectacular scenery and to take turns on the cook and cleanup details.

During the evenings they would gather around the campfire and sing songs to the accompaniment of five guitars and two banjos which they brought along. Official song leader was Don Levy of Hollywood.

Officials from the Forest Service also agreed that they did an outstanding job, as evidenced by the letter of appreciation they received. Mike Fedoriga, representative from the Forest Service who accompanied them, testified to the fact that they were all real professionals by the time they finished.

Would they like to do it again? Very definitely.

In fact, plans are on the fire for another trail project next year in the Pine Creek and French Canyon areas . . . this time it will be easy.



Susan Detweiler (right) and Betty Vale, with the help of their trusty mule spot new trail tread during the unique Sierra Club trail building project last summer in the Big McGee Lake area. The improvement made by members of the Sierra Club along the trail in the Big McGee Lake area last year actually cuts off 20 minutes time from Big McGee lake to the top of the pass.



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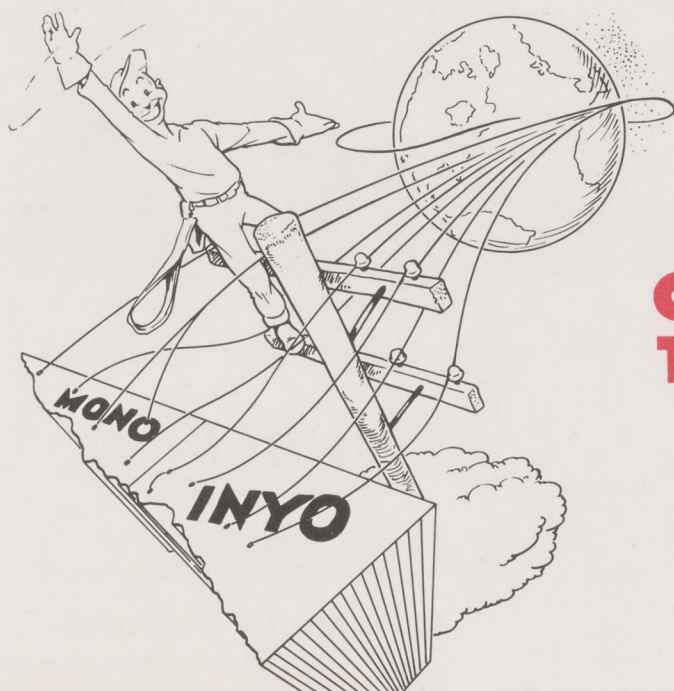


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day at a lake with ample time to relax, snap pictures, read or fish . . . Adventuring to the ridges for a view and pausing to enjoy the display of the immense wilderness spread out before you . . . Joining the guests in rides from your base camp in Upper Fish Creek to explore new country . . . Finding new pools to fish or new trails to ride.

Haven't managed to go on a traveling trip yet. Can't find a niche for myself when they have a packer to guide them and they do their own cooking!

This life is more like all play and not much work. Perhaps it seems that way because of your experience of living with people in a vacation mood . . . Guests who are finding new horizons, new interests, new conceptions. When you take a pack trip with them—you find out that people are really great!

Anne Johnson.



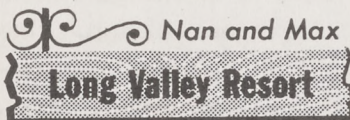
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Crowley Lake Fly Fishing

Biggest news to come out of the California Fish and Game Commission this year as far as the fly fisherman is concerned was the decision to open a part of Crowley Lake to artificial fly fishing (with barbless hooks, please) from September 15 through October 31.

The special season will provide a five trout limit and fish will have to be at least 12 inches long. According to the people who know this is no trick at all.

The area open for the special season is that portion of the lake along the shore from the North Landing to Convict Creek, a distance of two to three miles. The entire shore line here tapers slowly and waders are necessary to get out to where the big Browns feed.

A recommendation for the special fall season at Crowley Lake was proposed in a letter to the commission by the Izaak Walton League in August of last year.

The league pointed out in its recommendation that creel census figures showed that fly fishermen were taking 80 per cent Brown trout and only 20 per cent Rain-

bows in the late evening hours whereas just the reverse was true for boat and bait fishermen.

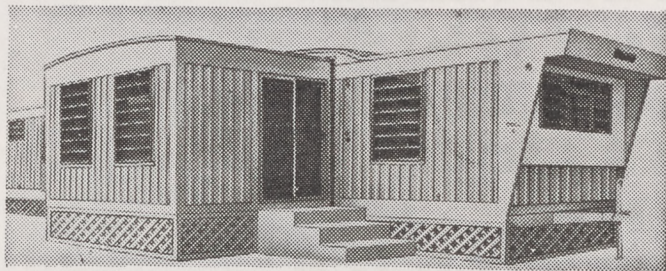
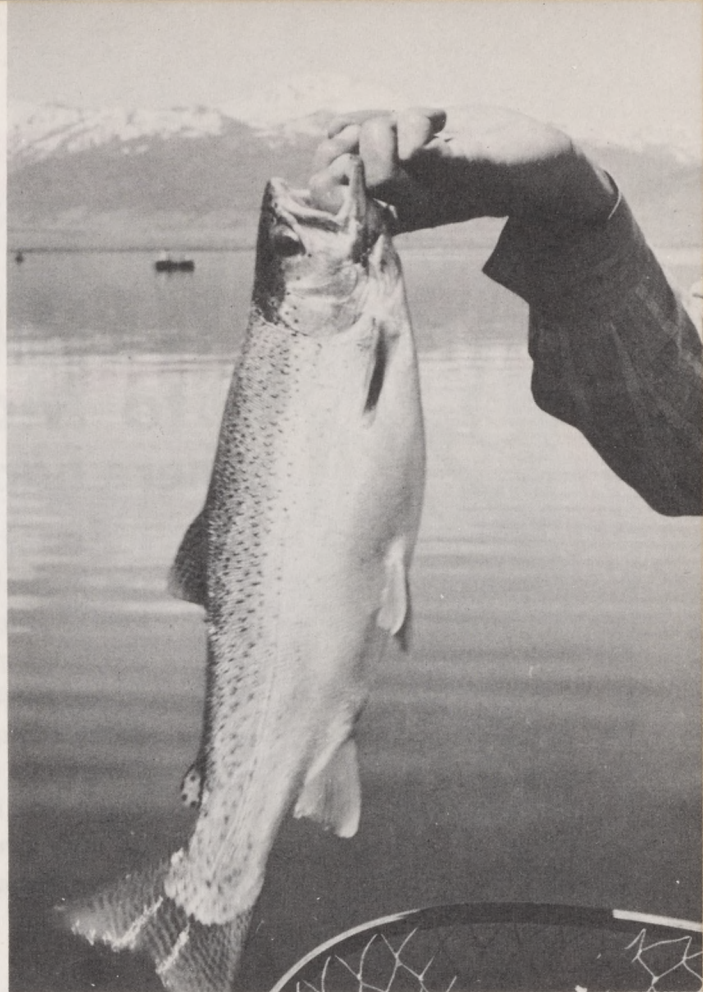
It was felt by the league that the removal of the large Brown trout from the lake would prove beneficial . . . and the fish and game commission agreed wholeheartedly.

The special season should prove tremendously popular for the real sportsman.

No boats are allowed but you can easily drive right down to the shore line with your car.

Best time to fish for the big Browns along this shore, according to the experts, is late in the evening when the larva start coming off the moss on the bottom. For best results they say to wade as far out as possible (50 to 150 feet) and cast out from there. Some even use a spinning outfit with a bubble and work the fly at the end of a 5 foot leader.

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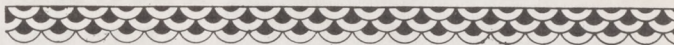
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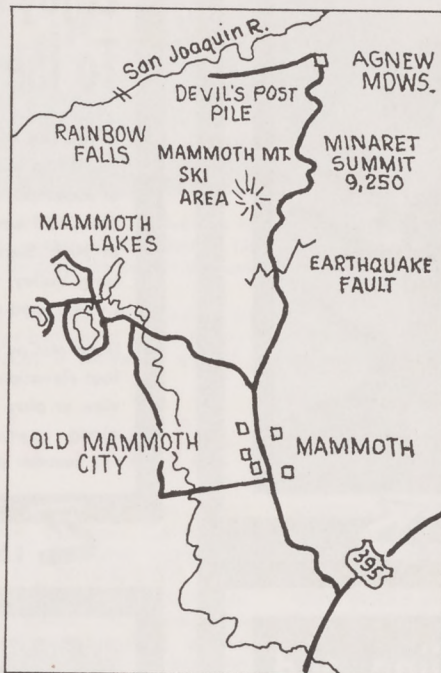
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● TOP LEFT—One of the outstanding scenic attractions of Inyo-Mono is Rainbow Falls on the San Joaquin River in Mono county.

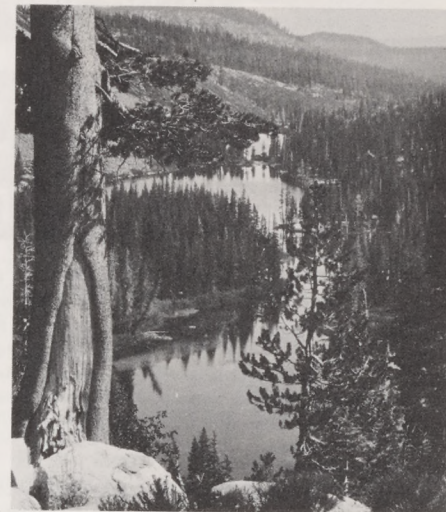
● CENTER LEFT—The spectacular Minaret summit (elev. 9250) is one of many interesting spots on Forest Service self-guided tours.

● BOTTOM LEFT—Be sure to see the famous Devil's Postpile National Monument. The fantastic basalt formations are unique.

● TOP RIGHT—Mammoth Mountain is famous the world over for its superb skiing. Each year sees it growing more and more popular.

● CENTER RIGHT—Picturesque Twin Lakes at Mammoth are visited by thousands each year. New campgrounds add to their appeal.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—Lake Mary, like the other Mammoth Lakes, provides top fishing and camping. (Photo by Tom Henderson)



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Mammoth Mountain is only a few short miles from U. S. Highway 395 and is quite easily reached by good surfaced road, open year-round. There are plenty of good accommodations in the immediate vicinity, open throughout the winter months. Plan a skiing trip to Mammoth Mt. this year!

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THIS IS THE MAN—Dave McCoy, operator of Mammoth Mt. Chair Lifts, and coach-trainer of many top junior and senior racers in America. A former Class A ski champion himself, McCoy is shown on one of his Mammoth slopes.—Steve Lukacik photo. →



Mammoth Mountain and Its Ski Club Known World Over

McCoy makes special arrangements for the elementary and high schools of the area to ski regularly at Mammoth, and to receive expert instruction at prices that are next to nothing. From this crop of young slatsters there emerges several each year who show considerable promise. Of course the six McCoy children who practically live on the mountain give Mammoth a fair nucleus . . . but some of the McCoy children are fast moving through the junior ranks and Dave will have to look elsewhere for young competitors. The oldest McCoy, Gary, has already won national titles as a junior, and has moved into the senior ranks. He has competed a bit even in Europe. The other five McCoy children are coming along real well, and two were on the FWSA teams competing in the Junior Nationals in 1963. When it comes to selecting a California junior team to compete in the American Legion championships at Sun Valley, the McCoy-trained skiers dominate that team, too. And the Mammoth racers have won that national title, also, in the past.

Mammoth Mt. Ski Club racers just barely keep pace with development and reputation of the mountain itself. McCoy's crews constantly have building plans on the drawing boards. Mammoth Mt. now has four double chair lifts, two T-bars, ropes, etc. . . . but if McCoy has his way you'll shortly see gondolas or similar conveyances going to the top of Mammoth Mt. where the view is spectacular, and the skiing possibilities unlimited. His lifts and tows now give access to more than 20 miles of top ski terrain, and that area will likely expand in future years.

Go anywhere in the ski world and if you mention California, chances are the first word you hear is a big MAMMOTH!

That's because Mammoth enjoys a reputation for having the most reliable snow pack in the state . . . and doubly so because Dave McCoy and his Mammoth Mt. trained senior and junior racers have put this area on the world ski map in capital letters.

In the 1960 Winter Olympics three of the women's U.S. team were affiliated with Mammoth Mt. Ski Club . . . and at press time it appears that the 1964 U.S. Women's Olympic ski team to compete at Innsbruck, Austria will also have two or more from Mammoth Mt. And it's a fair bet that many of the other U.S. Olympic hopefuls, men included, will do some training at Mammoth. The snow at Mammoth, plus the diligence of Dave McCoy as a coach and trainer, is responsible. Mammoth Mt. and Dave McCoy are better known in Europe than almost any other combination of mountain and operator you can name in the U.S.

While the senior women racers dominate the fabulous reputation of Mammoth, the junior racers from Mammoth dominate the Far West Ski Association teams to compete in the Junior National Championships each year. The Mammoth juniors have won many national junior titles, and if McCoy has his way, the trend will continue for some time to come.

The Mammoth Mt. ski center building has been expanded to accommodate 1500 diners in an immaculate cafeteria. There's a large ski shop where the world's best ski togs and equipment are available. You can rent almost

anything at Mammoth Mt., so come as you are, and they'll equip you for a ride on the slopes.

Mammoth's excellent quality snow comes partly from its north-face slopes that holds snow from November through spring. There have been years when some high Mammoth bowls have been skied year 'round, but mainly the summer months are for sightseers. Any trip to Inyo-Mono should include a scenic ride up Mammoth Mt. on the double chair lift . . . winter or summer. The panoramic view from the top side is spectacular, to say the least.

A great future is predicted for Mammoth Mt. You should visit it every year, to see the many new facilities. In the meantime Dave McCoy and his junior and senior racers will add to Mammoth's growing reputation as the mountain where the champions train.

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Folks who have seen the Swiss Alps rave about Mammoth. Yes, it's that beautiful . . . summer or winter.

Anyone who keeps tuned in on the ski world knows plenty about Mammoth Mt., and folks in Europe know it to be one of America's top ski mountains. If any ski mountain in California has snow, Mammoth generally has the best . . . and the ski season often is from November to late in the spring.

Dave McCoy and associates now have four double chair lifts on the huge Mammoth Mt., plus T-bars, a fabulous ski center that can feed thousands and furnish every need for the winter sports enthusiasts. More plans for further development of the mountain are in the works.

Those who like scenery at its best while riding a double chair lift should make Mammoth Mt. a "must" on their trip to Inyo-Mono. The chair lifts run winter and summer, and even if you don't ski you'll enjoy the scenic rides. When you get off the double chair at the top of the lift, take plenty of pictures, and enjoy panoramic views that stretch a hundred miles.

Stop by the Inyo National Forest ranger's office and pick up data on conducted tours to the many unique attractions of the area, including old mining operations, the Earthquake Fault, and dozens of others.

After you leave the ski lift area, drive over Minaret Summit to Devil's Postpile National Monument. Walk down to Rainbow Falls . . . or the local pack station hopes to have their unique stage

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You'll enjoy a visit to Hot Creek Hatchery just a few minutes from Mammoth.

For outstanding fishing on the Upper Owens River (trout are usually nice size) take US 395 north from Mammoth Jct. and turn east on a well-marked road. This area is served by two popular resorts. You'll find camping facilities at Big Springs and good deer hunting during the season.

Anglers will be especially well pleased with the large Brown Trout on the Upper Owens River in addition to the many fine Rainbows and occasional other trout that work up from Crowley Lake. This is one of the really fine fishing sports in Inyo-Mono.

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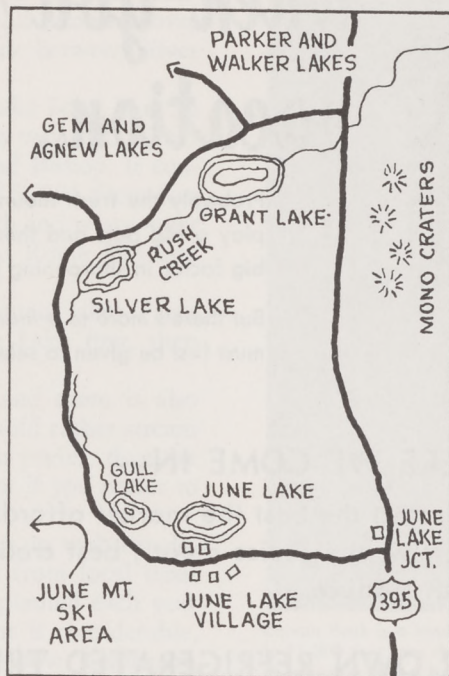
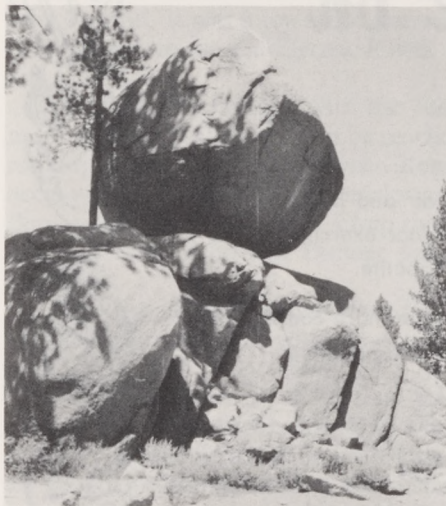
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● TOP LEFT—One of the famous landmarks of the June Lake area is this picturesque balanced rock at the entrance to the village.

● CENTER LEFT—Both boat and shore fishing are equally popular at beautiful Silver Lake on the loop. *(Photo by Tom Henderson).*

● BOTTOM LEFT—June Lake is one of the most popular of the loop lakes. It provides excellent fishing, camping, and picnicking.

● TOP RIGHT—This is a picture looking north from the boat landing at Grant Lake, popular fishing spot. *(Steve Lukacik Photo).*

● CENTER RIGHT—Thanks to the new ski lifts on June Mt. June Lake is busy the year around. Winter skiing there is tremendous.

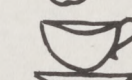
● BOTTOM RIGHT—Rush Creek is a good fishing stream and a popular one, especially between Silver and Grant. *(Henderson Photo).*



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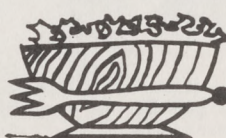
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June Lake Loop has enjoyed one of its most fruitful years in history. Heavy snowfall of last winter made water plentiful for the whole season and all the streams kept running brimful. It was a joy to see the waterfall tumbling over the cliffs above the Cal-Electric Power House between Silver and Gull Lakes.

For those not familiar with the June Lake Loop, it is 56 miles north of Bishop and can be reached by way of U.S. 395 running north and south between Reno and Bishop. It connects with U.S. 6 from Los Angeles and U.S. 395 from San Bernardino and points south. From the north and west—over Tioga, Sonora, Echo and Donner passes to Route 395 and south.

June Lake Loop has four beautiful mountain lakes. From the southern junction, you come to June Lake first, then Gull, Silver and Grant Lakes.

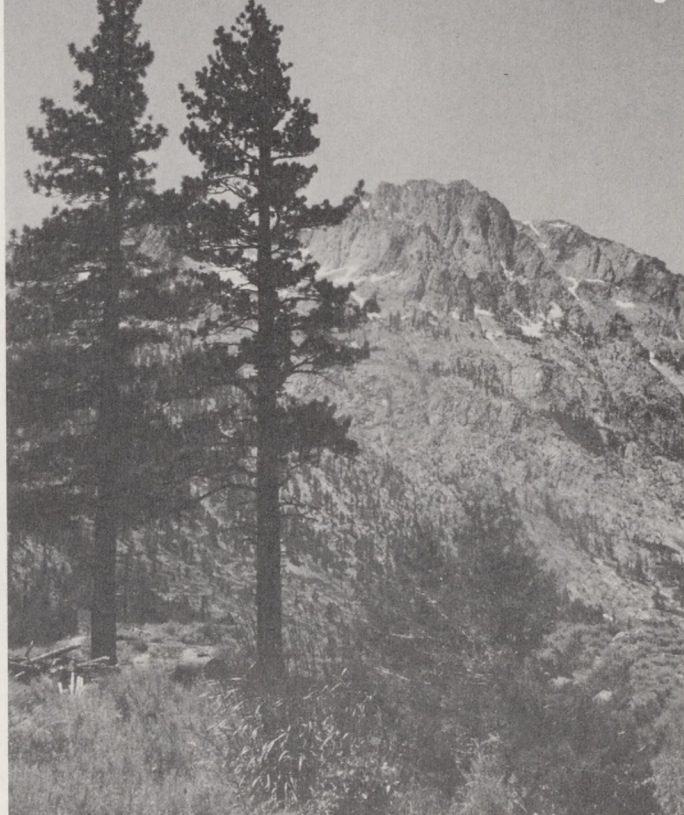
Fishing is great on these four lakes, and there is also Reverse and Rush Creeks for those who would rather stream fish. No matter which style of fishing you prefer, they are all good; fly fishing, trolling, spin fishing or if you prefer to just cast out your baited hook and relax . . .

There is heavy planting of trout to keep up with the demands of the many fishermen. The report from local trout hatcheries is that some 999,700 trout are planted each year on the Loop. Natural reproduction of trout is considerable, too. Species of trout planted include Rainbow, Cutthroat, Kamloop Rainbow and Eastern Brook. There is a natural Brown Trout population in Grant Lake and Rush Creek. Of the 999,700 trout planted, 289,700 are catchable-size. So you see the trout are there, just waiting for you to catch them . . . as many satisfied fishermen have found out, for example: 15-year-old Gary Lee Beard of Long Beach caught his prize 12-pounder out of Silver Lake the past season. There are lunkers pulled out of all four lakes during the fishing season.

The Loop offers everything you could wish for on a mountain vacation. For those wishing resort accommodations, there are 25 housekeeping cabin resorts or motels. There are five trailer parks, conveniently located within walking distance of a lake. Four are in June Lake, and one at Silver Lake. There are boat and motor rentals on all four lakes, and also boat launching sites.

The pack station is located at Silver Lake, and they hope to have their new waiting room completed soon. Hourly rides are available besides the new addition of the Shetland Pony ring for the kiddies. For those wishing to take a horse out for the day and ride into the back country on their own, there are the daily rides. It is also possible to be packed into the back country and left at your campsite, and then have the packer come back after you when you wish to return. This is especially fabulous, as you feel as though you have the back country all to yourselves. It makes us appreciate the Wilderness areas set aside by our government, so we can have this unspoiled land available as our forefathers did. There's something about the back country that once you begin exploring it, you want to go back again and again. Among the many lakes to be seen are: Agnew, Clark Lakes,

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Carson Peak is a landmark to anyone traveling the Loop road. Towering nearly 11,000 feet into the sky it wears a mantle of snow in winter and a carpet of greenery covers it in the summer, as the melting snows bring out brush and flowers.—Outdoor Guide photo.

Badger, Thousand Island Lake (where you join the famous John Muir Trail), Davis and Marie Lakes, Waugh and Gem and also Alger Lakes, famous for Golden Trout.

In the winter months, the skiing is fine on June Mt., and the heavy snowfall of last winter made skiing last way into spring. The ski area offers excellent skiing over packed or unpacked powder snow. They plan to have more runs completed soon . . . more rope tows. A T-bar and Poma lift is located in the bowl at the top, and you can pick the type of slope that fits you best; novice, intermediate or an expert just out for fun.

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For those wishing a good camping site, the Forest Service is just completing a huge rehabilitation project called "Operation Outdoors." They have spent a fabulous amount



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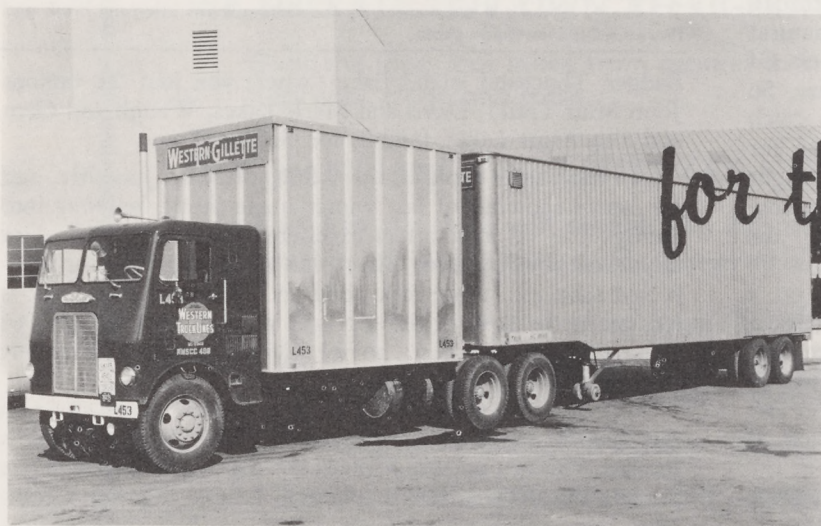
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Patty Clewett of Los Angeles, a summertime visitor to the June Lake section, views a volcanic glass flow often called obsidian. The location is easily found a short way south of June Lake Junction and adjacent to the highway.—Photo by Ray Clewett.

on improving the campgrounds on the Loop. Your tax dollars supplied the money that Congress allotted to the U. S. Forest Service for the construction and maintenance of these new and improved facilities. When you keep your camp clean and use these facilities with care, you are helping the Forest Service to do its work better and at a lower cost. In the long run, you benefit. Some \$16,000 a year is spent on maintenance alone in this area.

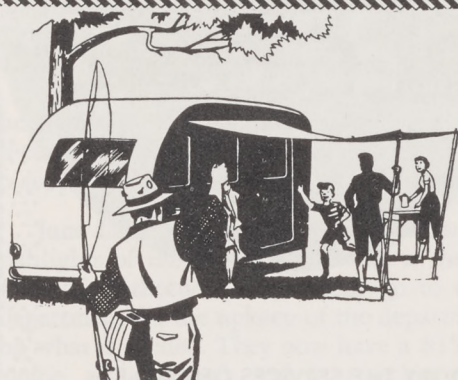
The first campground you come to via the southern June Lake Junction, is the June Lake campground. It has 40 campsites. The next ones are upper and lower Gull Lake campgrounds. There are 26 camps here. These are no longer segregated as strictly trailers or tents, although the trailers should only use the ones where trailer spurs are provided.

There is a new group campground near Fern Creek, just completed and reserved for Boy Scouts, Church Groups, Youth Association, etc. Some \$1000 was just spent to make these facilities possible.

Next around the Loop is the Silver Lake campground. This is the newest expansion on the Loop. \$80,000.00 will be spent on this campground alone, which will be completed by July. There are 60 campsites here.

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Part of the scenic "Loop" road, with Gull Lake, June Lake and the Mono Craters in the background. This area offers attractions to the sportsman a vacation spot for the family and ideal skiing to the winter visitor.—Aerial photo by Walter Frost.

doors" was the new beach improvements on the swimming area of June Lake. Some \$2000 was spent to make it safer and more pleasant to swim in June Lake. A floating barrier has set aside approximately 200 x 800 ft. of safe swimming area. There's a nice sandy beach for fun and sun baths. This is located at the east end of the lake.

The Alpine Village of June Lake is a very complete little shopping center. There are two grocery stores; one a super market and the other a general store, where they have quite a complete line of clothing also. There are gift shops, restaurants, service stations and garages, also a laundromat and of course, several sporting good stores. Practically everything to supply the demands of the many vacationers.

June Lake Village is an all-year community. One of the highlights of the summer activities is the annual Fireman's Ball and Barbecue. All proceeds go to the Volunteer Fire Department for the upkeep of the department and replenishing what is needed. They now have a \$15,000 first-class fire engine, all equipped, and a resuscitator with experienced men who know how to operate it. It is also used as a Civil Defense engine outside of the June Lake area.

Accommodations are spread all around the Loop, so you can take your choice of scenery. The aforementioned June Lake Village, takes in the Gull Lake resorts also. The next little settlement on the Loop is the Fern Creek area. This is perfect for those wishing to stay midway on the Loop. There are accommodations there, also a grocery store and



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Then we pass meandering Rush Creek with its many campsites, as we approach Grant Lake. It was a pleasure this year to see Grant Lake practically full, making it the largest lake on the Loop. There is no camping on the shores of Grant, but it is very close to Rush Creek campgrounds and only a short drive from anywhere on the Loop. They have boat and motor rentals, and you can launch your own boat there. There is a cafe and fishing tackle is available. They also offer guide service on the lake.

Grant Lake is most famous for the big German Brown Trout. Many big ones are caught each year, from trolling and shore fishing.

After you have seen the many pleasures offered on the Loop, you may feel you would like to take a few day trips and see some of the surrounding country. The Loop makes an excellent "base-camp", as it is so centrally located.

There is excellent water skiing on Mono Lake, where the new Mono Marina is located. They have showers and picnic areas. For those of you who have never experienced swimming in a mineral water lake, you have a treat in store. You should make the Mono Craters a "must" on your list. These Craters are the remains of the most recent volcanic activity in this area. The Forest Service has just erected new signs on the highway giving detailed information about the Craters.

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Lake, which is a fabulous trip, but leave early for this one.

The teen-agers will be pleased to find planned programs set up for them by the June Lake Youth Association. All activities are supervised and they include movies, dances, swimming parties, day trips by horseback into the back country and cook-outs on the beach at June Lake.

You might say, there is something for each member of your family to enjoy, if you choose the Loop for your vacation. Each season offers its own beauty and fun. Whether you choose to ski down the mountain, or bring in a fighting trout, or just walk through the forest and enjoy the smell of the pine trees, and in the fall enjoy the golden leaves of the aspen, The Loop has some of everything these majestic High Sierra have to offer.

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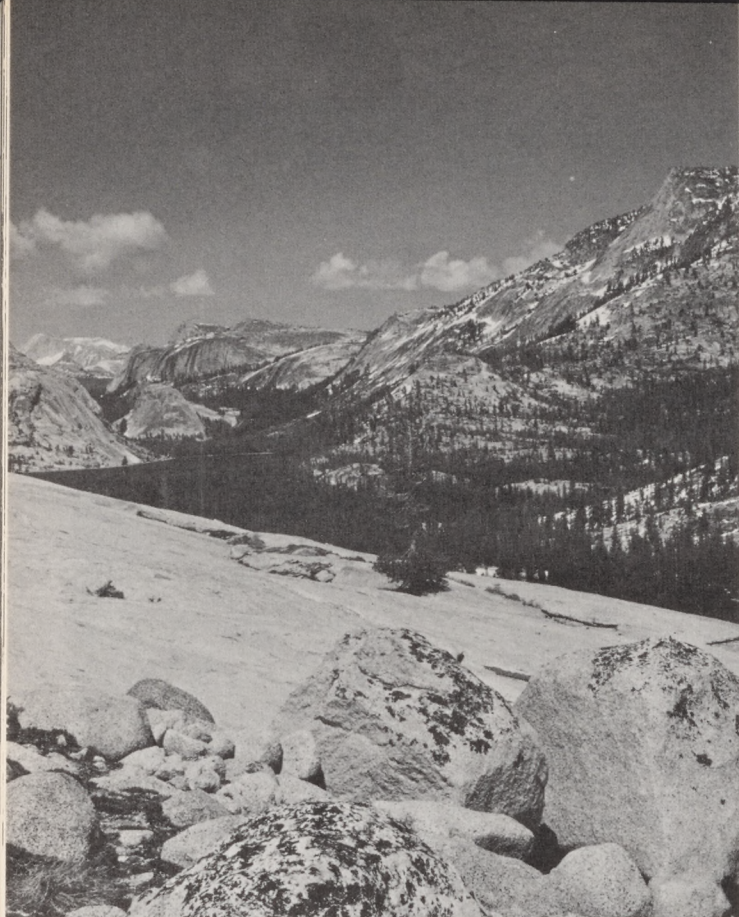
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Sculpture by Erosion



The late fall wind puffed against the side of the immense rock, and as time passed, it seemed to anger that the stone showed no notice, then flexed its muscles until the wildlife about knew its anger would by nightfall carry the icy bite of first winter snow.

The force of the blow found a small indenture in the rock and caused a tiny clip of material to drop to the ground. The first flakes settled in the tiny crevice and washed some dust downward as they melted. Before dawn ice had formed and expansion bit further into the groove.

Spring flurries and the sand blasts of hot summer gusts joined in the game of erosion and as years passed the rock had given up much of its original smooth youthfulness and time had aged it with its sculpture.

Pierre and Margaret Davis had long thought of owning a summer home, where they might journey far from the familiar scenes and activities that surrounded them at their Castaic residence.

Finally the day of retirement arrived—he as battalion chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department and she as a dispatcher, and they acquired their summer home at June Lake.

Retirement was kind to them and they spent long summer days in the Sierras. They fished, they hiked, they boated the lakes and hunted and a camera became a standard part of their sports equipment.

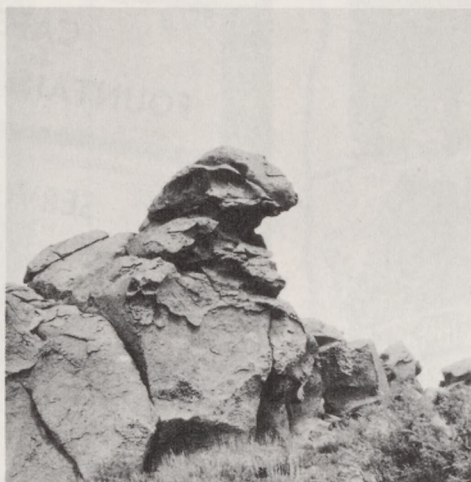
One sunny day Margaret turned off on the Shaft 1 road, veering to right off of U.S. 395 approximately two miles north of June Lake Junction.

A short way up the road and a dim road in the hillside brush beckoned her to the left among the huge hillside boulders.

It wasn't long until she met up with the sculptured stones and these pictures were taken.

In naming her subjects Margaret says "a bit of imagination is needed to identify the titles"—most viewers won't need much.

Her names for the sculptured rocks are: "Old Man With Beard and Beret, Dinosaur, Old Lady Wearing a Bun on Her Head, Sorrowful Lady, Lion's Head, and the Monster." See if you don't agree.



Dinosaur



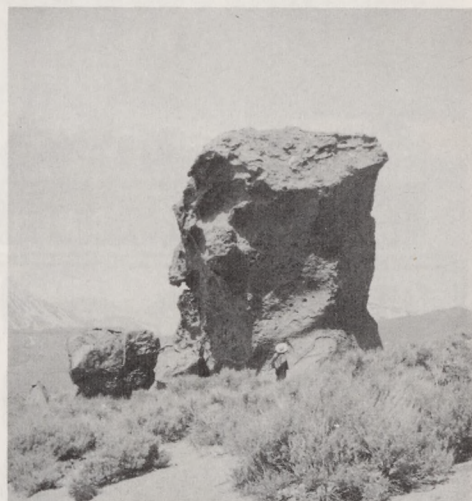
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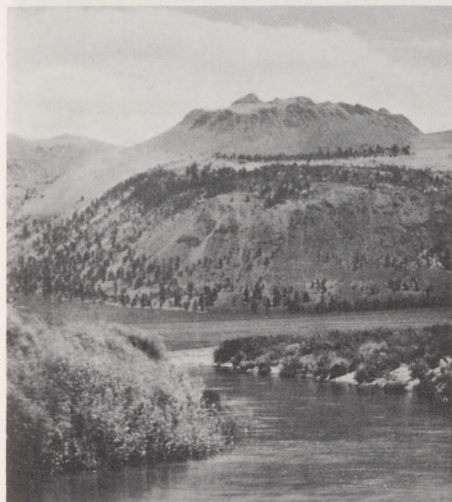
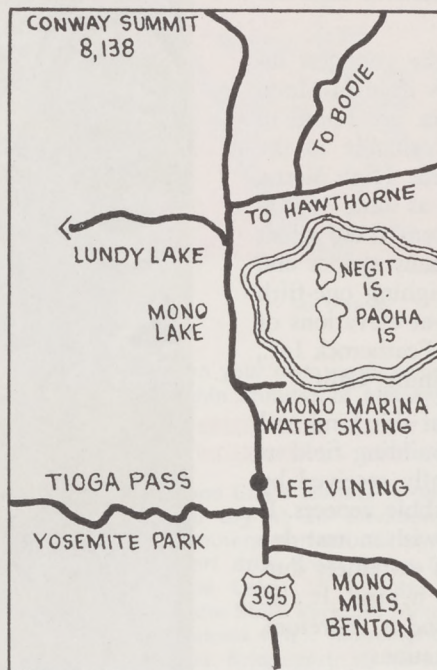
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Things to see around Lee Vining



● TOP LEFT—One of the most popular sports in the Lee Vining area during the summer months is water skiing on Mono Lake.

● CENTER LEFT—Colorful Mono Craters, remains of geologically recent volcanic activity, provide one of Mono's outstanding landmarks.

● BOTTOM LEFT—One of the most popular fishing and resort spots of this area is Lundy Lake. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).

● TOP RIGHT—Another popular roadside lake in the Tioga Pass area is Ellery Lake. A resort serves the area. (Henderson Photo).

● CENTER RIGHT—Good hunting, fishing and boating can be had at the two Virginia Lakes west from Conway. (Henderson Photo).

● BOTTOM RIGHT—One of the fast growing family sports in Inyo-Mono is boating. Here is a group enjoying it on Mono Lake.



The Featherocks From Mono Craters

by Nellie Bly O'Bryan

One would not ordinarily expect any good to come from fire, smoke and lava-belching volcanoes. Down through the ages of man they have been looked upon as weapons of destruction. Active ones are feared, while inactive ones are viewed with awesome expectation.

This is not true of the Mono Craters, the youngest inactive ones recorded in America. Those, now dead in Mono County south of Mono Lake for 2000 years, are found to hold within their silent innards, material valuable to the every-day life of mankind. Located east of the High Sierra, an age has been given to them by geologists as some 35,000 years. In addition to the pumice mined from these silent craters and milled for commercial use in many shapes and sizes, also comes the feather-light rocks weighing one-fifth the weight of ordinary stone. It is quarried at elevations of 8500 feet, the mines owned and operated by Featherrock Inc., a subsidiary of the U. S. Pumice Co. at Lee Vining, Calif.

Featherrock is the only natural product of this kind and all others are synthetic. It has entered the building field as ornamental stone and is being enthusiastically received by architects and builders, either in sawed or rubble veneers. It cuts installation by one-third and bonds well with mortar due to its distinctive cellular structure. Since it is extremely durable it withstands freezing and is chemically neutral. It also has a high acoustical and insulation rating and is, therefore, suitable for interior as well as exterior applications.

The colors which do not fade range from silver grey to charcoal to Sierra tan. It is mined in unusual textures and many sizes. Featherrock in boulder size is extensively used in gardens and by landscaping architects because of its low maintenance feature as well as achieving mass effects without undue weight. In addition to its natural appeal, it is readily hewn into any desired form, including figures, free forms, lanterns or planters and is ideally suited for rock gardens or rustic waterfalls and pools.

For the rock gardener it presents new horizons in stone or rock structure. It is an answer to limited space with ease of handling and low cost. This featherweight rock is so easily moved that gardens may be enhanced and built in a matter of a few hours, whereas with heavier rocks it would take several days. Featherrock adapts to arid, alpine or tropical treatments with water effects. Garden enthusiasts often scoop holes in the rocks and plant flowers for unusual effects. In water effects weeping grottos may be assimilated by saturation of water through the featherrock.

Artistic ambitions are readily fulfilled with the use of featherrock, hammer, saw, chisel, rasp, drill, hand ax and coated gloves. A pipe may be driven through the rock with a hammer for electrical fixture, conduit, cable or hanging pipe for fountains.

In the Mono Craters there are great veins of obsidian or black glass which are believed to have existed before the eruption of these volcanoes. Featherrock is no doubt the result of intense heat on the obsidian, turning it to porous lava formations. Obsidian was used by the early inhabitants of Inyo and Mono counties and adjoining areas for the



Proof of the wide acceptance and decorative use of the Featherrock stone, mined from the Mono Craters, is this group of carvings executed by Jim Steel for a tropical patio in Miami, Fla.

making of arrowheads, many of which are still being found by the collectors.

Featherrock brings new and added beauty to landscapes and will always be an item for rockhounds. It is not possible for the public to go to the mines but this strange and unusual product of a fiery upheaval of nature may be seen in many places and information regarding it may be obtained from Featherrock, Inc. 6331 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 28, Calif.

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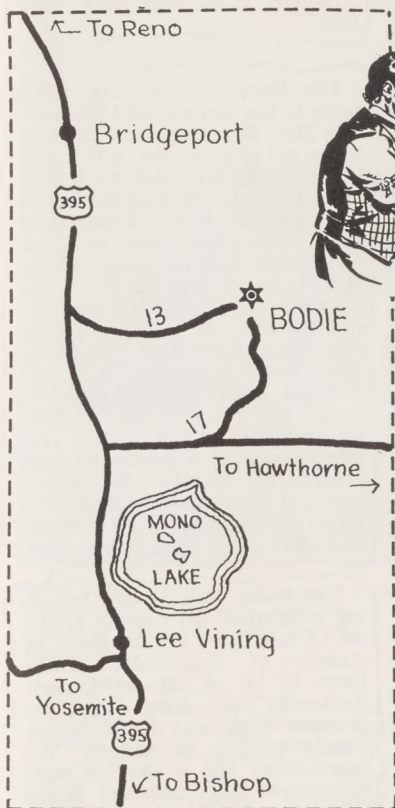
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This afternoon there wandered down Fuller street through the snow, hand in hand, a rancher and a Piute squaw, both bareheaded and as drunk as mortals well can be and walk. There was soon half a hundred men and boys following the strange couple in their journey in the direction of Chinatown. The man who captured the squaw occasionally resented the scrutiny and the comments of the followers, but the squaw seemed delighted and gave way to bursts of laughter. At one time the couple went to turn a corner. They went on different sides of an awning post and it was a full five minutes before they could pass the post, but at last the squaw happened to think about unlocking hands. — Oct. 1882.

Harvey Boone now sells three pounds of fresh firkin butter for one dollar.—Jan. 1883.

At Lundy yesterday Dr. R. C. Guirado and William Erwin discharged three shots among them, and as is supposed at each other. The high blood arose over a game of cards. No outsiders were hit.—Jan. 1883.

Following is a notice on a recently located placer claim:
May the 12, 1882. Plaster claim, Runnin as follows: 3,000 rods up the creek and 3,000 rods down the creek, from this steak.

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Look out for your chicken coops; keep a good watchdog and a loaded shotgun on hand; Chinese New Year is closely upon us.—Jan. 1884.

Any tour of Inyo-Mono should include a side trip to the historic ghost mining town of Bodie. Prior to the trip, a reading of the book "The Story of Bodie" by Ella M. Cain, will add much to the enjoyment of the visit. The book is available at most stores in the area.

Paragraphs reproduced on these pages are word by word copies appearing in the Bodie Evening Miner in the early '80's. Not only do they reveal the bold, colorful and humorous style of reporting long departed from journalistic writing but a review of day by day events that were the life of mining town.

Discovered in July of 1959 by William S. Bodey, the camp was to become one of the most fabulous gold camps of the West, none of its success to be known by its discoverer who perished in a bitter snow storm the winter following its discovery.

In 1879 population figures ran as high as twelve thousand, composed of many reputable families who rubbed shoulders with gun men, gamblers, prostitutes, con men and Chinese opium peddlers who were to establish a period of wild, mad years to be known all over the West.

Ravished by winter's blizzards, disastrous fires and faulting gold ledges, most of the town has disappeared and in a move to preserve the remainder it has been signed into law that Bodie will become a unit in the State Park System.

Plans are included to restore many of the old furnishings of homes and business establishments and further exhibits of the historical museum as well as to preserve the cemetery and "boot hill." Thousands of people visit Bodie each summer.

Stock gambling is much older than some people suppose. They forget that Moses owed his whole success in life to being caught in one of the bull rushes on the Nile.—May 1884.

Hector has a tandem team attached to his bob sleigh. Each of the animals wears four snow shoes, ten inches square made of rubber belting.—Mar. 1884.

Moonlight promonades were in order this week, and the shady canyon and rocky gorges hereabouts gave forth low but sweet murmurings of love.—May 1883.

Last evening two leading citizens were discovered in earnest conversation on Main street. They were discussing — not politics, but the probable price of wood next winter. This is a wonderful change in the topic of conversation.—Oct. 1882.

Two more couples are to be married in Bodie before the weather becomes much colder. — Sept. 1882.

A man left a bony horse on Main street while he went to "take a smile" at one of our popular planks, and coming back a short time afterwards discovered the following notice placarded on his fleshless horse's ribs: "Barley wanted—apply inside."—Feb. 1884.

A subscription has been opened to raise a fund for the purchase of a new set of brains for the editor of the Free Press. The old set is irreparable. Trifles left at this office will be forwarded et cet and so forth. It is not proposed to go higher than, say, thirty-five or forty cents.—Sept. 1882.

There is about five feet of snow on the level; the most seen at any one time since the first settlement of Bodie in '76.—Feb. 1884.



Bodie was manted in white that winter. If and when the mail came in from Bridgeport, often referred to as "Big Meadows," it came in on skis and when the bullion shipments from the mines went out Wells Fargo equipped their horses with snowshoes. Bitter winds whipped in from Potato Peak and woodpiles shrunk alarmingly while tempers grew short with enforced confinement. Picture printed from glass negative.

Today is the 24th of July, and last night ice formed at two places in Bodie that we know of, nearly a quarter of an inch thick.—July 1882.

The Baker family has again come to the surface, and this time it is Mrs. Baker, and she appears in the roll of a shootist, a la Laura D. Fair, only Mrs. Baker's intended victim was a woman named Le Compton. Mr. Baker is something of a ladies' man, and his good looks and winning ways caused Mrs. Baker to imagine that every woman in the neighborhood was in love with him. So strange was this conviction that yesterday Mrs. Baker drew her little gun and attempted to perforate the lovely and graceful form of Mrs. Le Compton with a bullet. The interference of a gentleman prevented an addition to Bodie's crowded cemetery. The case is on jury trial before Justice Phlegar this afternoon.—Apr. 1883.

The Bodie Indians are becoming altogether too rapidly civilized. Of late there are too many instances of drunkenness among them to be at all satisfactory. Yesterday on King street a drunken buck was found industriously beating his squaw. The woman ran into a Chinese store to escape him, and the fellow followed and in his drunken exasperation undertook to demolish the establishment.—July 1882.

Beef tea on tap at Chancey Drake's Wine Rooms. "A whole band of cattle in one bottle of the beef tea."—Jan. 1884.

As Dick Leale was coming up the canyon yesterday, just this side of Sunrise, he met a Chinaman on horseback with a Piute behind him on the same animal. Dick was so struck with this social amalgamation of the two races that he stopped to have pleasant converse with them. The pair proved to be prospectors on their way to Buzzard Canyon and Dick, who always carries a flask of anti rattlesnake with him, gave Mr. Yum and Mr. Lo each a dose to prevent accidents.—Apr. 1883.

A French paper says that English soldiers clear their throats by taking teaspoonfuls of sifted sugar. The average Bodieite does the same, only dissolving the sugar with three fingers of whiskey.—Sept. 1882.

Lundy is to have a hurdy house which will open next Thursday. Thursday is the 20th of the month, which is payday in the little camp up the canyon—hence this wonderful enterprise.—July 1882.

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A Chinawoman named Ah Yung is accused by her husband this morning of stealing \$600 from him at the family residence on King Street. As it is sort of a family affair, the best thing the husband can do is to sue for a divorce and ask for a division of the community coin.—June 1882.

For the first time in her history Bodie is without a dance hall; the opium joints are closed; the demimonde are diminished to a mere handful; the lover is scarcely seen, the bullies and toughs have nearly all left and the moral aspects of Bodie wears a placid and contented appearance.—Feb. 1883.



One can well surmise from the above picture that spring has arrived in Bodie. With the window partly opened and the door ajar the odor of frying fats and tobacco would soon disappear and the gent on the right might even be thinking of a spring shave. Age of the picture would have to be judged by the costumes of the ladies for it was reproduced from a glass negative.



Board walks, sleds, freight wagons, carts, all were an important part in transportation at the time Bodie was in its heyday. The museum and its display of mining camp relics are viewed by thousands each year—Outdoor Guide Photo.



Once a booming mining camp with hoist cables straining to bring the ore to the surface, mills grinding three shifts to deliver the gold that would be freighted out in bullion, Bodie shakes off the snow to greet another Spring—Outdoor Guide Photo.

About thirty Chinamen will leave Bodie the latter part of the month for their native land. Nearly all of them have accumulated large sums of money.—Aug. 1882.

The shipments of bullion from the Northern Belle mine amounted to \$19,299.03 for the week ending July 20th and total July shipments have been \$44,581.72.—July 1882.

We noticed a man make three kenos in succession last night in Burns & McMartins Parole saloon. We will write that fellow's obituary next week.—Mar. 1883.

Indian courtship is very simple. The young brave sits back to back with his girl, smokes a pipe and hands it over his shoulder to her, and, if her father doesn't keep a cross dog, or is not reckless with his foot, the courtship ends successfully in about three weeks. This is much less expensive than feeding a girl a year or two on ice cream, fried oysters or caramels. And yet the Indians are called savages. — Mar. 1884.

Ten cords of good wood wanted at the Miner office, for which the market price will be paid in gold coin on delivery. — Sept. 1884.

On Monday, September 1st Alex, Billy Willis and Johnny Irwin will swim a treble match from the bath houses on Mono Lake to the island, a distance of a few miles, for a purse of \$300. — Aug. 1884.

Special Notice—In consequence of the loss of everything by fire last night it is necessary for all parties indebted to Dr. H. H. White to make immediate payment. Debtors should make it a point to strain themselves a little in order to do this. — Aug. 1884.

The Occidental Hotel will be kept strictly first class in all departments. The table cannot be surpassed, as none but the best cooks are employed. The rooms are all heated and well kept. The bar is unexcelled in the quality of liquors and cigars kept on hand. Board \$8 per week. — July 1884.

Charley Fitzgerald's neuralgic jaw is much easier today. — Aug. 1884.

That young man at the northern end of town, who is learning to play the coronet cannot understand why people who shoot at cats can be so careless. Half a dozen stray bullets have already come through his window.—Aug. 1882.



Long after the gold fever had subsided other operators with more modern methods moved in to bring more "pay dirt" out of the Bodie Hills. They too were to leave their trademark on the camp, as is evidenced by the mill buildings in the background—Outdoor Guide Photo.

Tomorrow at midnight the annual infliction of Chinese New Year will begin, and for eight consecutive nights and days a suffering public will be treated to an explosion of bombs, the pop of firecrackers, the hubbub of the gong and the screech of the Chinese fiddle. — Jan. 1884.

If you buy goods on credit you help pay the bills of those that jump the camp. — July 1884.

Board and lodging is offered at the Occidental, the leading hotel of Bodie, for \$40 a month.—Mar. 1883.

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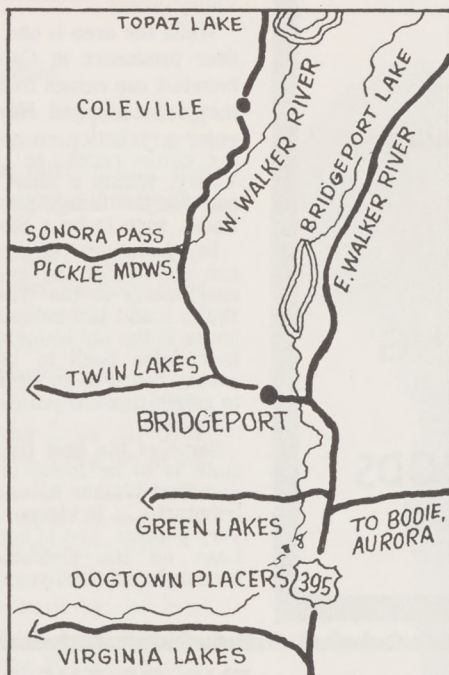
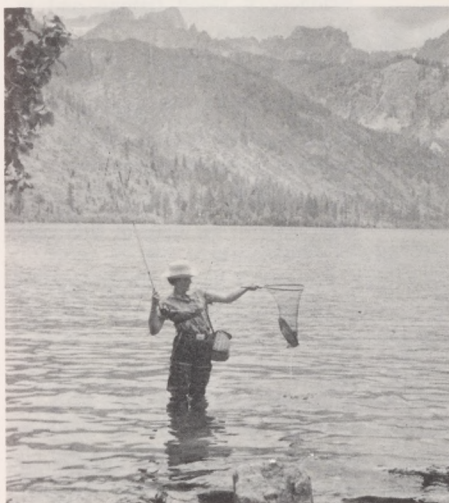


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Things to see around Bridgeport



● TOP LEFT—Twin Lakes west of Bridgeport has everything to offer in the way of fishing, boating, camping and hunting. (*Lukacik Photo*)

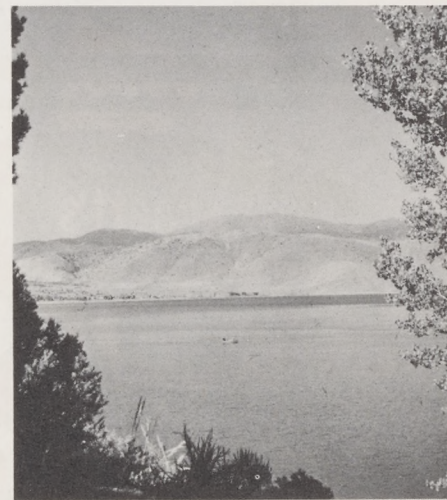
● CENTER LEFT—The famous old ghost town of Bodie is well worth seeing. It's just a few miles east of US 395 south of Bridgeport.

● BOTTOM LEFT—Two boat landings serve fishermen at Bridgeport Lake, one of the best fishing spots in Inyo-Mono. (*Henderson Photo*)

● TOP RIGHT—One of the most photographed landmarks in Inyo-Mono is this stately Mono County courthouse at Bridgeport.

● CENTER RIGHT—The only lake open to year around fishing in Inyo-Mono is Topaz at the northern tip of Mono county.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—The Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center north of Bridgeport has courses in skiing and cold weather survival.



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In downtown Bridgeport you can see one of the most colorful courthouses in the West, built in 1880 . . . and just behind the courthouse is the old historic stone jail that dates back to 1865. Mono county board of supervisors voted to retain this old jail as a historic attraction.

Some of the best fishing in the state is to be found in the West and East Walker Rivers and their tributaries. Bridgeport Lake is very popular, and of course Topaz Lake on the California-Nevada border is open all-year.

For a scenic drive take a run up to the Green Lakes and Virginia Lakes areas . . . and by all means take the paved road all the way to Twin Lakes, west of Bridgeport. Good fishing and inspiring scenery.

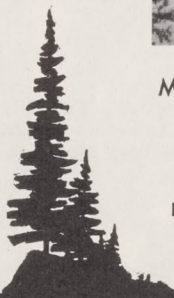
Fourth of July is a popular time in Bridgeport when the community stages its annual celebration, complete with old-fashioned parade, literary exercises, barbecue, street sports, an evening dance . . . and a few extra events besides. You'll want to take colored pictures of this celebration.

Autumn is one of the best times to visit this area. There's fall coloring everywhere . . . contrasting with the bright garb of deer hunters. Fall fly fishing is at its best . . . and the summer crowds have departed. Take a drive through Antelope Valley and see the yellow-gold cottonwoods in their full brilliance. Watch for deer in Walker River Canyon, especially right after the season closes. You can even bathe in a hot springs late into the fall season.

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Vacationers in the Inyo-Mono area who happen along the Sonora Pass road may be surprised to see some of Uncle Sam's Marines swarming over a mountain cliff during the summer months or skiing gracefully down a slope during the winter.

One of the Marine Corps' least known installations, the Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center extends over 100,000 acres of the Tiyoabe National Forest at the foot of Sonora Pass. Its headquarters are located four miles west of U. S. Highway 395 on California State Highway 108.

The specialized training provided Marines at this High Sierra Training Center attracts Leathernecks from all over the United States, both regulars and reserves. Because of its high elevation and isolation, the camp provides ideal terrain features and weather conditions for cold weather indoctrination, skiing, mountain climbing, and wilderness survival.

Within the realm of the Training Center, which is granted to the Marine Corps on a special use permit by the National Park Service, are numerous fresh water lakes, several swift mountain streams, and a branch of the Walker River. Except for the 50-acre confines of the camp itself, the training areas are open to the public for fishing and hunting, and camping in designated areas.



The Training Center was established in September, 1951, as a direct result of the Korean War. Early experiences in that conflict showed that combat efficiency was reduced in some troops as a result of inability to cope with the cold weather, particularly in North Korea. Since that time, thousands of Marines have benefited from cold weather indoctrination, learning to live on and under the snow and to avoid becoming a casualty to the low temperatures. Included

Proper Position—Marine Sergeant Frank H. McCarthy, Instructor at the Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center near Bridgeport, Calif., corrects the firing position of Marine student undergoing intensive cold weather and survival training. Students learn how to successfully live, fight and survive in areas of extreme cold climates and mountainous terrain.

in the winter training are lessons in military skiing, snowshoe travelling, and glacier movements.

Two other courses are currently maintained at the Train-

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Deer season follows and is popular from southern Inyo all the way to Topaz. Some years are better than others but on the average hunting is excellent. Mono is one of the top deer producing counties in the state.

Hunting for other upland game follows the deer season and is good especially in Owens Valley where the Dept. of Fish and Game and the Rainbow Club of Inyo-Mono make annual plants of pheasants. Hunting for quail and chukar partridge is also popular.

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SLEIGH RIDE—Marine students use the "Akio" or snow sled for the evacuation of a simulated casualty during cold weather training at Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center near Bridgeport, California. The Center annually trains some 7000 military students in how to successfully live, fight and survive in areas of extreme cold climate and mountainous terrain.—U. S. M. C. photo.

ing Center; they are the Mountain Leadership course and the Escape, Evasion, and Survival course.

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COLD STEEL—A gun crew of a 106mm Recoilless Rifle of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division of Camp Pendleton, California are prepared for action during training exercises high in the Sierra Nevadas at Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center. Not only is the training course a test of men and machinery but the cold weather conditions, snow and altitude allow for considerable experiment in choosing clothing and food stuffs which will best serve combat troops should they serve in similar areas of the world—U. S. M. C. photo.





HIGH PASSAGE—Marine student attending the Mountain Leadership Training Course at Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center crosses high above the West Walker river which skirts the Training Center and many of the Training areas, located high in the Sierra Nevadas.—U. S. M. C. photo.

two-week trial for any Marine. Students are taught techniques of escaping from an enemy encampment and then methods of existing in unfriendly wilderness territory without food, shelter, or water. Each trainee is tested at the end of the course by being released in the back country. For four days he must not only escape detection and capture by his instructors, but must erect his own shelter, trap or catch food, and find his own water. A part of the EE&S course, in addition, is subjecting the Marines to treatment they might expect to receive if they became prisoners-of-war. For this phase of training, the Cold Weather Training Center has constructed its own POW compound patterned after those used by the communists in Korea and China.

Annually between 5000 and 7500 Marines train at the Pickel Meadow site. Of this total about 20% are members of Marine Corps Reserve units from various cities of the United States, ordered to annual field training for two-week periods. Last year nine such units were flown to the Training Center to receive this specialized training as a part of the Marine Corps' desire to have its reserve branch ready in case of conflict in any part of the globe.

An additional 40% are ordered individually by Headquarters, Marine Corps to CWTC for the courses outlined above. Both officers and enlisted, ground and aviator personnel are included in the quotas.

The remaining men who receive instruction at the Training Center are of units of the Fleet Marine Force that are rotated to the High Sierra site so that a maximum number of Marines are indoctrinated in cold weather survival at all times. These units, some as large as battalions, are detached from the First Marine Division stationed at Camp Pendleton, California and establish their own bivouac areas on the upper reaches of the Training Center.

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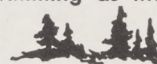




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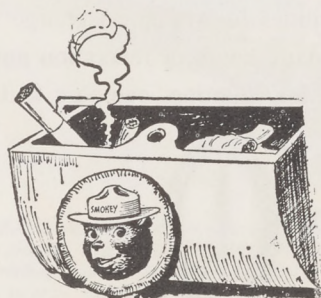
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Visitor Lauds Topaz Lake Area

by Grace Underwood

For the last 25 years my husband and I have taken our family to the High Sierras at vacation time. We have back-packed to Shadow, Garnet, Sullivan, Alger and many of the high lakes, but it was while fishing Topaz that I learned to appreciate the charm of the desert.

Half in California and half in Nevada, Topaz lake lies there between the bare desert hills like the jewel it was named after. It is one of my husband's favorite fishing spots and I and the children love to tag along.

There is one place on the California side that you can park, it is just a hump of ground between the highway and the lake, rocky, hilly, bushy, and not good for any growing community, not big enough for even a house, just an ideal spot for a station wagon filled with the family and their love for the rough outdoors.

Two stately cottonwood trees are on our tiny island — well not exactly an island, but it seems like one with the highway on one side and the lake on the other. Sage brushes and head-high willow shrubs are the main plant life there, but, rocks, rocks and more rocks abound; and we soon learned to walk, not run!

Birds and animals love our little bit of Topaz. The deer come down from the hills and drink at dusk, then feed their way back at night to their daytime beds. Porcupines, mountain quail, desert rats, mice and even coyotes come avisting.

But it is the birds that seem so unafraid that I really enjoy. In season, the Canadian Honkers are a beautiful sight, hundreds sitting

in the water on the far side of the lake, honking and flapping their wings at the first sign of danger. The Loon is always there near the shore, lying low in the water looking like a submarine, quiet, rarely calling attention to himself. The sea gulls flying overhead on the look-out for a free meal — the pelicans even higher in the sky flashing their wings in the sun.

The mud hens and coots are forever busy hunting minnows and crawfish, the black birds are seen in flocks, while the magpies travel in pairs. The pheasant and part-ridge are seen only when the "hunters" can't hunt; the sand-piper and the crane are rare sights and ones that I treasure. For a quiet desert lake it is noisy with nature's lullaby!

It was while camping on the Nevada side of the lake that I first saw the full moon rise up over the mountains — sounds silly, but it happened! It was there that we saw the "northern lights," a sight never to be forgotten by anyone who has seen them.

Even if you don't enjoy the desert you would like my Topaz Lake, cooking over a camp fire, fishing, (my eight year old holds the record this year for the family, a four and a half pound rainbow trout), hiking along the shore, yes, even swimming in the shallow part of the lake, but, even if you just sit you would feel the greatness of the desert outdoors.

There are many good lodges close to the lake and plenty of boats to hire, but, for a wonderful day trip, give me the rocky shores of Topaz, a package of "hotdogs," and a car load of pint-size "pioneers."



Glenn Underwood, 8 year old angler from Pomona is convinced that Topaz Lake is tops when it comes to fishing and considering the size of his catch here, we're not at all surprised.

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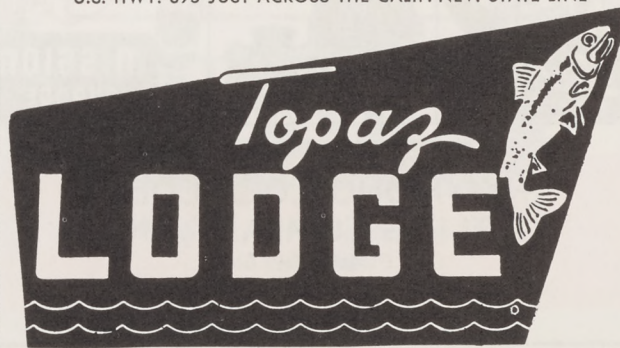
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Our Nevada Neighbors Plan 1964 Centennial

(Ed. Note: Much of the key travel industry in Inyo-Mono is related to Nevada and its attractions. Nevada's plans for its 1964 Centennial are related in the following article from the recent "Nevada Looks Ahead" edition of the Reno Evening Gazette and the Nevada State Journal. Inyo county will observe its Centennial in 1966, and probably could pick up a few pointers from the coming Nevada Centennial).

From every corner of Nevada next year will come celebrations marking the Silver State's centennial.

Nevada's 100th birthday in 1964 is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Five hundred volunteer workers are now planning for the year-long event, and it is estimated that 2,000 will be working on the project when 1964 arrives.

The big birthday party is expected to have a sensational financial impact on the state.

The State of Kansas, in its centennial year, enjoyed a huge jump in tourist dollars — from \$118 million to \$416 million — a jump of some 272 per cent.

In its centennial year, the State of Oregon reported an increase of 5 million visitors from out of state.

The Nevada centennial year is to include a major effort for increasing tourist volume in all sections of the state.

Twenty-nine committees have been organized in Nevada to date.

The matter of striking a realistic balance between an observance commensurate with the dignity and reputation of Nevada, with what the modest population can afford to spend, has occupied months of the Centennial Commission members' time and consideration.

The problem of a suitable appropriation is under study by the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly and the finance committee of the Senate.

Centennial committees are at work in Churchill, Clark, Elko, White Pine, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Ormsby, Pershing and Washoe counties. Groups are being organized in Douglas and Storey.

Statewide centennial committees have been formed for commemorative postage stamps. Nevada silver commemorative medallions, centennial souvenirs, statewide historic monuments, special editions of the State Highway Magazine, special auto license plates, special highway maps, pioneer Nevada families, university, national photographers association, newspaper publishers, the television-radio industry, and the historical advisory board.

Many other statewide committees will be formed. They will include committees for the various statewide professional groups, education groups, labor organizations, veterans groups, fraternal organizations and many others. Most of the cultural activities including art, music, poetry, and photography are expected to be centered with the various county committees to allow maximum support of each of the various parts of the state in the fields and to avoid dominance by the larger population centers.

A Centennial project now under study includes the placing of historical monuments in each of the 17 counties. The committee working on this project has the support of the State Prison for fabricating big concrete markers and the State Highway Department for help in much of the erection.

A committee is being formed to honor Nevada Sons and Daughters who have become prominent in other states. Many committees will work on the Centennial Nevada Day events which will be held in Carson City on Oct. 31, 1964.

The Tribal councils of the state are now attempting to organize a Nevada Centennial Indian Day as part of the Carson City events.

The University of Nevada is working on a musical comedy similar to Oklahoma and has the enthusiastic support of the Departments of English, Drama, Art, History, Speech, and others. Plans call for this production to go on tour around the state during 1964, with a final production televised on a network coast to coast. The university band staged a Centennial program between halves of the Rams-Colts game in Los Angeles this fall and it was televised nationally.

The centennial of course will see many contests for various queens, for centennial year babies, for oldest citizens, and among many groups of all kinds. The National Press Photographers Association is considering a national convention in Nevada in 1964, and during that event, members would tour the state, photographing Nevada subjects for a contest among themselves.

The annual Death Valley Trek will tie in with the centennial year and so will many other events of regional and national stature. A committee is now attempting to round up enough Nevada silver bullion so the U.S. Mint can cast centennial medallions of Nevada silver. Designs for an elaborate Nevada Centennial postage stamp have been submitted to the postmaster general. And the Nevada State Museum is preparing a special van which will visit schools of every county

with elaborate exhibits of a Nevada historical nature.

The University of Nevada Press is readying a number of fine books on Nevada subjects which will be Centennial editions. Most prominent of those announced so far is the "Doten Papers," now being edited by Walter Van Tilberg Clark, nationally prominent writer.

Every book publisher and magazine publisher in the nation has been advised of the approach of the Nevada Centennial year and the importance of tying in Nevada subjects. Many publishers have indicated interest.

Commercial firms have also been made aware of the Nevada Centennial. Levi Straus & Co., has prepared a prospector's red shirt based on authentic early day styles, and the Colt Firearms Co., is manufacturing a frontier model Colt .45 carrying the Nevada Centennial Emblem. Several other firms are reportedly studying similar projects involving other products, and the Commission expects most of these to be approved.

One of the most interesting commercial tie-ins with the Nevada Centennial has been the participation of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. The firm loaned a fleet of 1963 Oldsmobiles for use by the Commission members, the governor, and the centennial staff, without cost to the state. When the cars have 3,000 miles on speedometers, they will be replaced by newer cars, and this will be repeated throughout 1964.

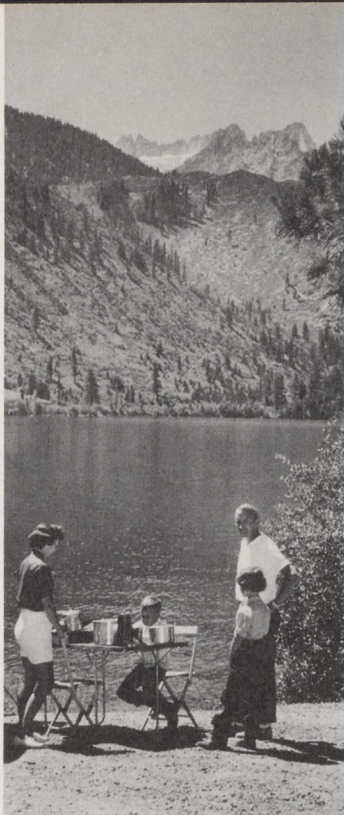
Centennial members estimated use of the cars will represent an important saving to the state and will allow a much greater flexibility in supporting centennial activities in the state.

Most of the County Centennial Committees so far have been keeping their plans in a semi-secret state lest they be "imitated by other counties." "But the plans made known to the Centennial Commission are exciting and varied.

Some will attract nationwide attention. Many should justify national magazine coverage and almost all show vivid imagination.

Plans will be revealed by the county committees themselves, and will be locally promoted to stimulate tourist travel into the state. Many counties started their plans on the basis of simply expanding regular events like rodeos and parades into larger versions in the Centennial year. But these ideas seem to be giving way in most cases to completely new and original events, with extreme local color and drama.

The Nevada Historical Society is reportedly planning an important publication on Nevada history for the centennial year. Several commercial firms are collecting early photographs for publication. Several industries and commercial organizations are planning to mail out Centennial promotional



The Douglas Ackley family of San Diego camped last September on the shore of Upper Twin Lake, west of Bridgeport. September and October are ideal times to visit Inyo-Mono. Enjoy fall coloring, hunting, and excellent fly fishing. (Paul Podolski photo).

material at their own expense to stimulate out of state interest. Every state governmental department or agency is sending mail in envelopes carrying centennial promotional slogans and wording. Sen. Alan Bible is arranging a special exhibit in the Library of Congress displaying Nevada historical material for the centennial and both Sen. Howard Cannon and Congressman Walter Baring are giving support and cooperation.

Members of the Nevada Centennial Commission were appointed last year by Gov. Grant Sawyer.

They include Chairman Thomas C. Wilson, Reno advertising executive; Paul Garwood, Reno, general manager of Bell of Nevada; Arthur Smith, Las Vegas, president, Bank of Nevada; Mrs. Margory Philipps, Las Vegas, former newspaperwoman and now a civic leader; Robert Berry, Virginia City district attorney; Dr. Thomas Gallagher of Elko, Gerald Roberts, Tonopah newspaper editor; G. W. Russell, Carson City government executive; and Clarence W. Swain, Ely druggist.

The Commission has hired Clyde Anderson as executive secretary and administrator with an office staff of three. Anderson held a similar position with the Kansas Centennial, and had administrative experience with other Centennials and similar events. The staff occupies offices in the State Building in Reno.

Thanks for Help!

To everyone who helped put the 1963 Inyo-Mono Outdoor Guide together — THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Once again we have done everything possible to produce a book which highlights all that Inyo-Mono has to offer in the way of recreation for the entire family.

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To list everyone who has helped in the production of the 1963 Outdoor Guide would be impossible. To those who have supplied photos and articles, however, we extend our sincere thanks.

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Thanks also to the following who have contributed articles: Dorothy

Even before the presses stop rolling on this 1963 Inyo-Mono Outdoor Guide plans are underway for a bigger and better edition for 1964 and we'll need plenty of help.

The emphasis again will be on outdoor recreation . . . for the entire family, of course . . . and once again we will need new pictures telling a story of family recreation in Inyo-Mono.

So if you have good, clear black and white photos or color transparencies telling a story of family fun in Inyo-Mono send them along to the Inyo-Mono Outdoor Guide, P.O. Box 787, Bishop, Calif., and we'll try to use them this coming year.

Don't forget to tell exactly who the people are in the photos, when and where the picture was taken, and anything else that might be interesting. Resort owners and packers are especially invited to submit pictures of activities during the year. We need photos from every part of Inyo-Mono and during all four seasons, not just summer.

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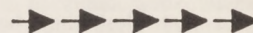
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SECOND ROW: One of many desert sand dunes; Rainbow Falls near Devil's Post Pile Natl. Monument; baby chukars hide under desert blossoms.

THIRD ROW: Devil's Post Pile

Natl. Monument; angling on Sierra lake; typical high country expanse.

FOURTH ROW: Brilliant snow flowers; one of many petroglyphs; solitude near a Sierra lake.



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BROWER, DAVID R., ed. *GOING LIGHT—WITH BACKPACK OR BURRO*. San Francisco: Sierra Club, 1961. \$2.85 postpaid.

CAIN, ELLA M. *THE STORY OF BODIE*. San Francisco: Fearon Publishers, 1956. \$3.10 postpaid.

THE STORY OF EARLY MONO COUNTY. San Francisco: Fearon Publishers, Inc., 1961. \$4.10 postpaid.

CHALFANT, W. A. *THE STORY OF INYO*. Bishop: published by the author, 1933. \$4.35 postpaid.

MUNZ, PHILIP A. *CALIFORNIA DESERT WILDFLOWERS*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: Univ. Calif. Press, 1962. \$3.35 postpaid.
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PETERSON, ROGER T. *A FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1961. \$5.50 postpaid.

SCHUMACHER, GENNY, ed. *DEEPEST VALLEY*. San Francisco: Sierra Club, 1962. \$5.20 postpaid for hard cover or \$3.35 postpaid for paperback.
THE MAMMOTH LAKES SIERRA. San Francisco: Sierra Club, 1961. \$2.75 postpaid.

STARR, WALTER A., Jr. *GUIDE TO THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL*. San Francisco: Sierra Club, 1962. Paperback \$2.35 postpaid.

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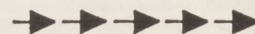
TOP ROW: Inyo-Mono, world-famed soaring center; part of star "listening" center near Big Pine; pack train in the high country.

SECOND ROW: One of many desert sand dunes; Rainbow Falls near Devil's Post Pile Natl. Monument; baby chukars hide under desert blossoms.

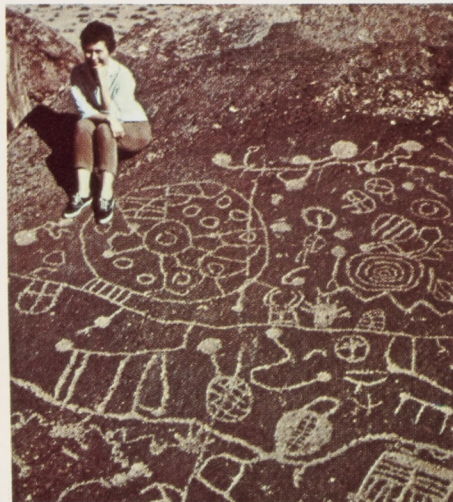
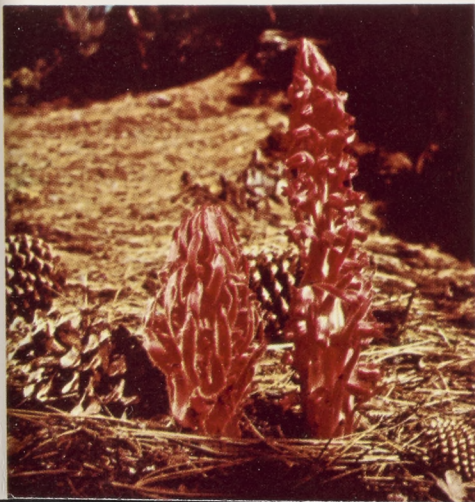
THIRD ROW: Devil's Post Pile

Natl. Monument; angling on Sierra lake; typical high country expanse.

FOURTH ROW: Brilliant snow flowers; one of many petroglyphs; solitude near a Sierra lake.



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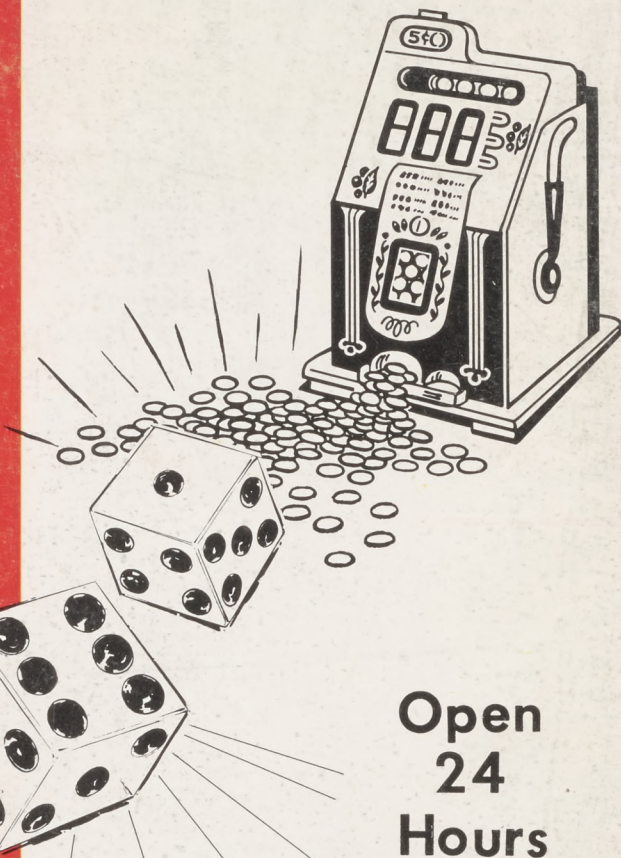
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